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*Study emergent properties of matter with QCD degrees of freedom*

# Introduction to the Physics of High-Energy Nuclear Collisions

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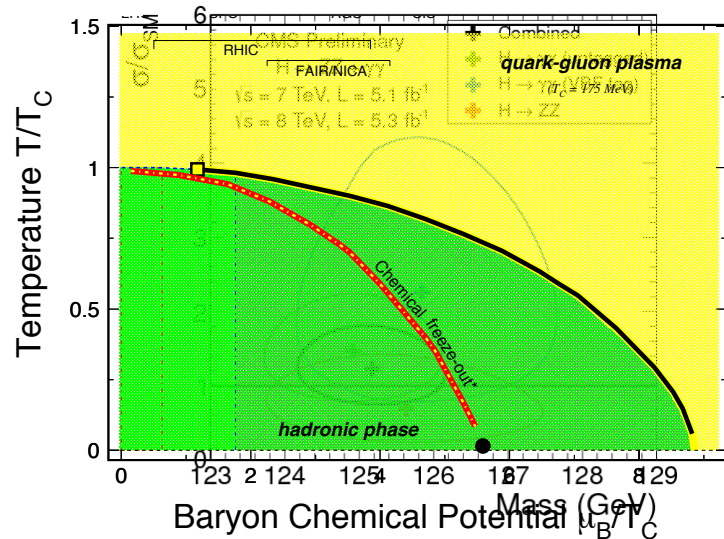
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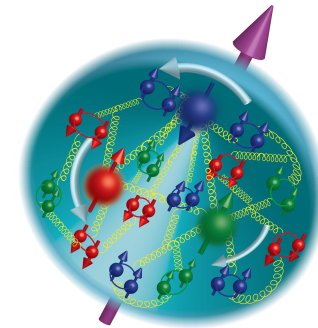
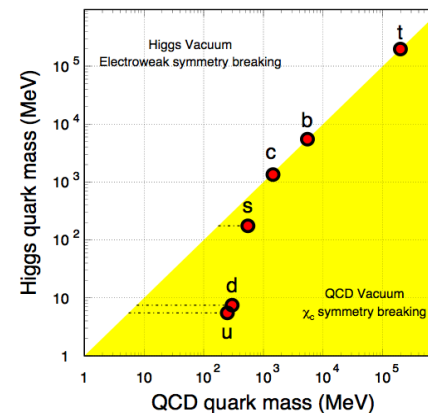
**Emergent  
properties with  
QCD degrees of  
freedom!**

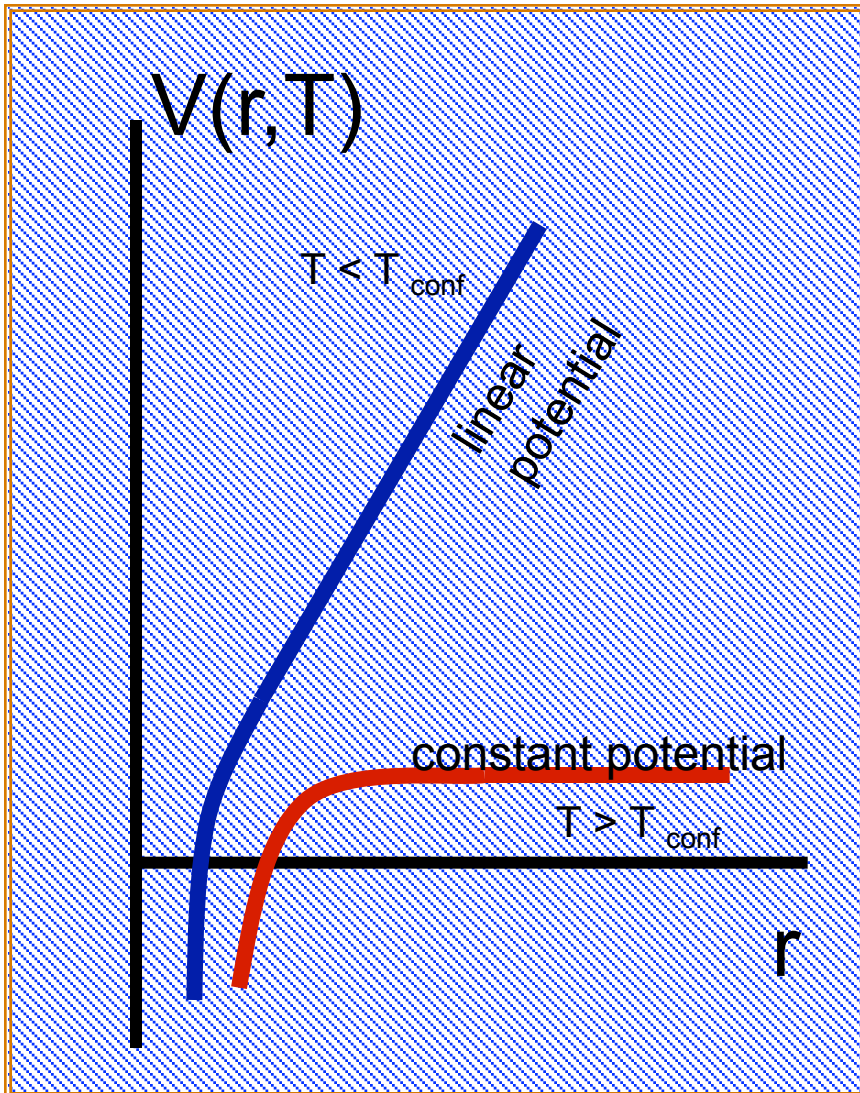
## (1) Higgs (-like) Particle –

- **Origin of Mass, QCD dof**
- Standard Model → The *Theory*

## (2) QCD Emergent Properties:

- **Confinement**
- **$\chi_c$  symmetry**
- **QCD Phase Structure**
- Nucleon helicity structure
- Non-linear QCD at small-x





The potential between quarks is a function of distance. It also depends on the temperature.

1) At low temperature, the potential increases linearly with the distance between quarks

⇒ quarks are confined;

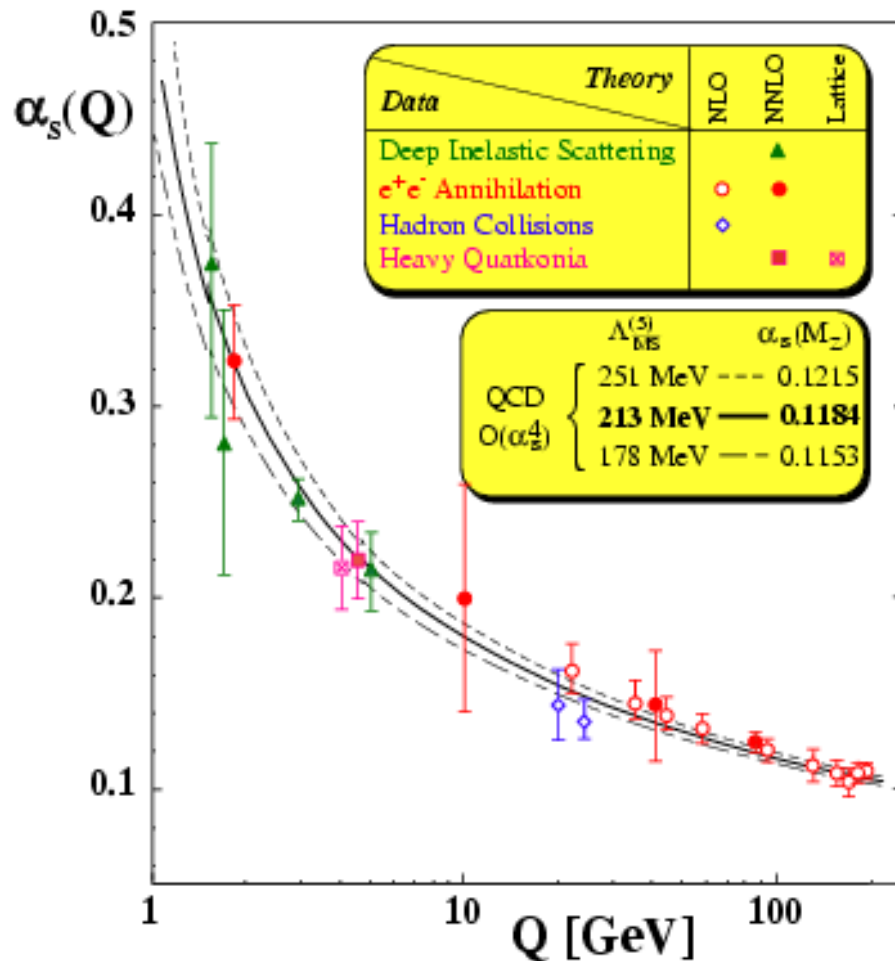
2) At high temperature, the confinement potential is 'melted'

⇒ quarks are 'free'.

Note: It is not clear at all if there is a critical 'temperature' in high energy collisions



# $\alpha_s$ vs. $Q$



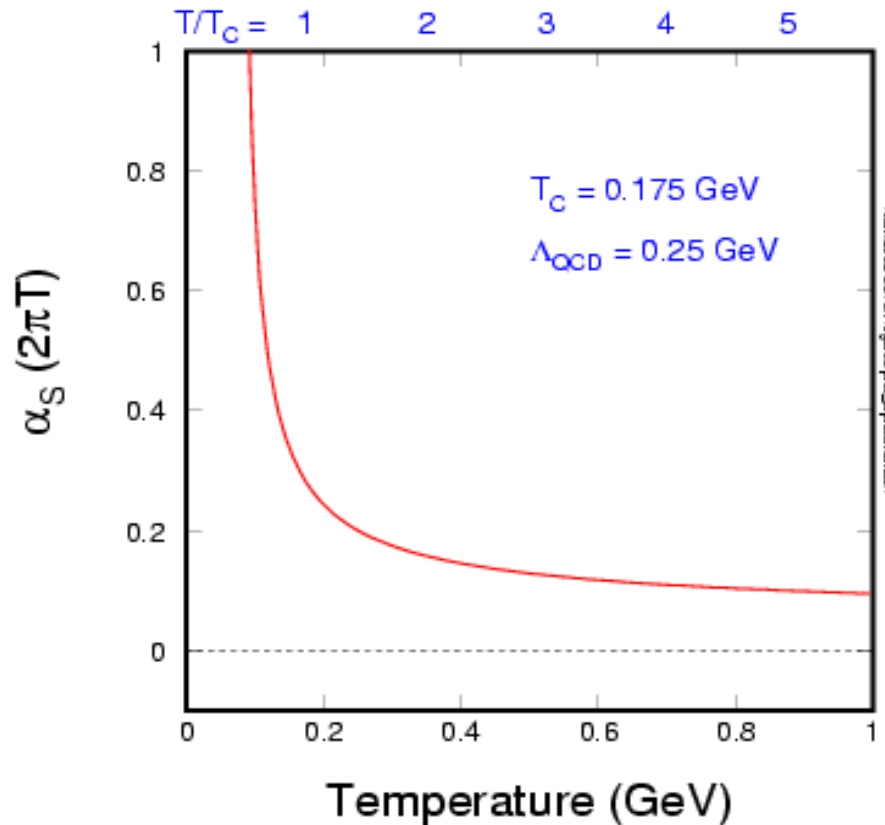
$\alpha_s$ : strong coupling constant  
 $Q$ : momentum transfer

QCD models provide reasonable results on the  $Q$ -dependence of the strong coupling constant, especially at high  $Q$ .

As a function of the momentum transfer, the strong coupling constant  $\alpha_s$  decreases exponentially, but never goes to zero, meaning STRONG interactions are always there!

Reference:  
*S.Bethke, hep-ex/0004021*

# Strong Coupling Constant $\alpha_s$



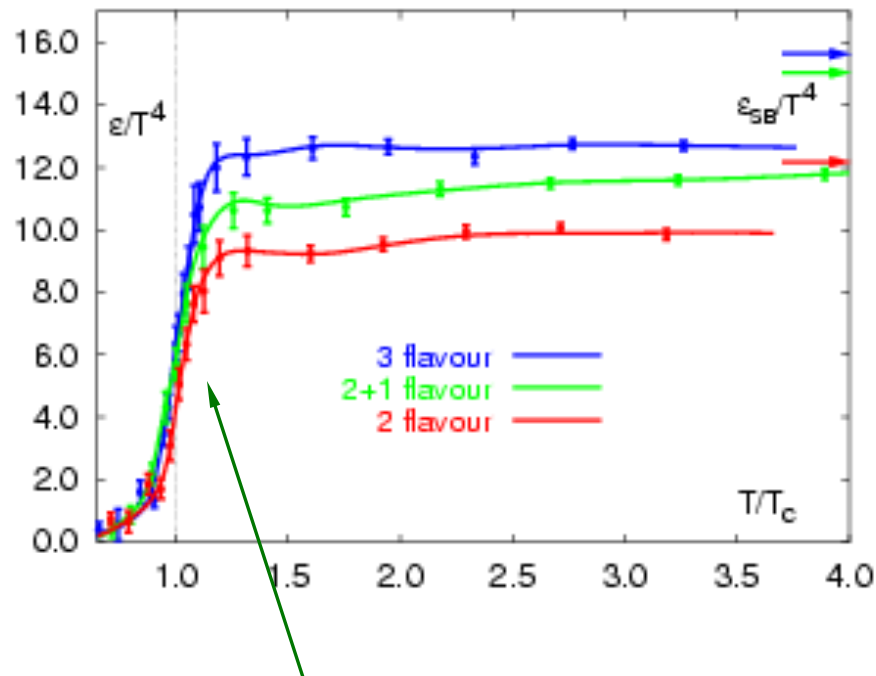
$$\alpha_s \cong \frac{g_s}{4\pi} \propto \frac{1}{\ln(\mu^2 / \Lambda_{QCD}^2)}$$

At high temperature, the coupling is  $\sim 0.1$ , not zero!

The finite value of  $\alpha_s$  at high temperature leads to the observed collective mode on Lattice.

QED: similar picture of quasi Particles (Fermi liquid) : interaction of electrons with phonons leads to higher effective electron mass.

No QGP of free quark gluon gas!  
Interactions (though small) and **collective modes** are important!



Lattice calculations predict  
 $T_c \sim 170 \text{ MeV}$

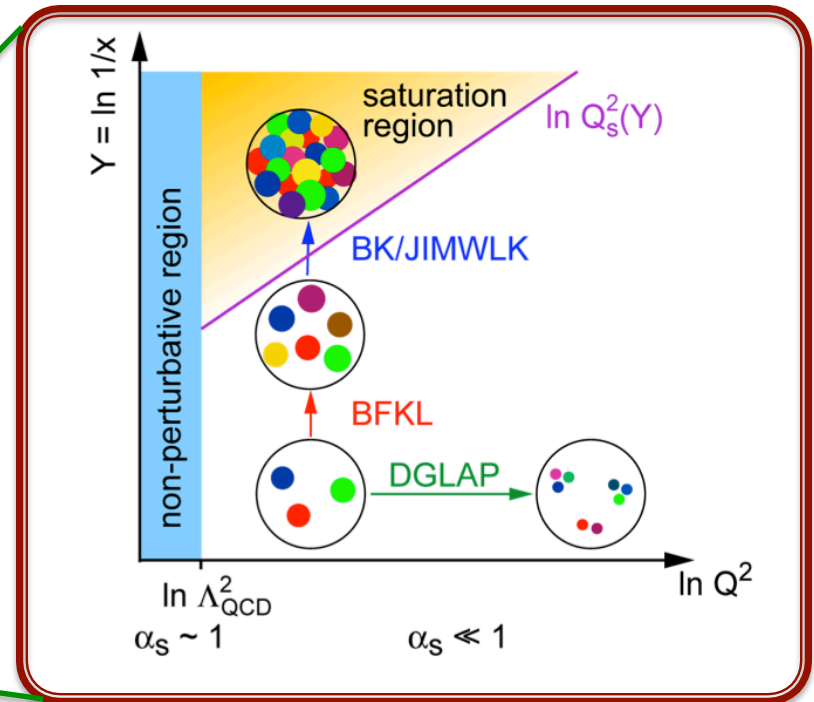
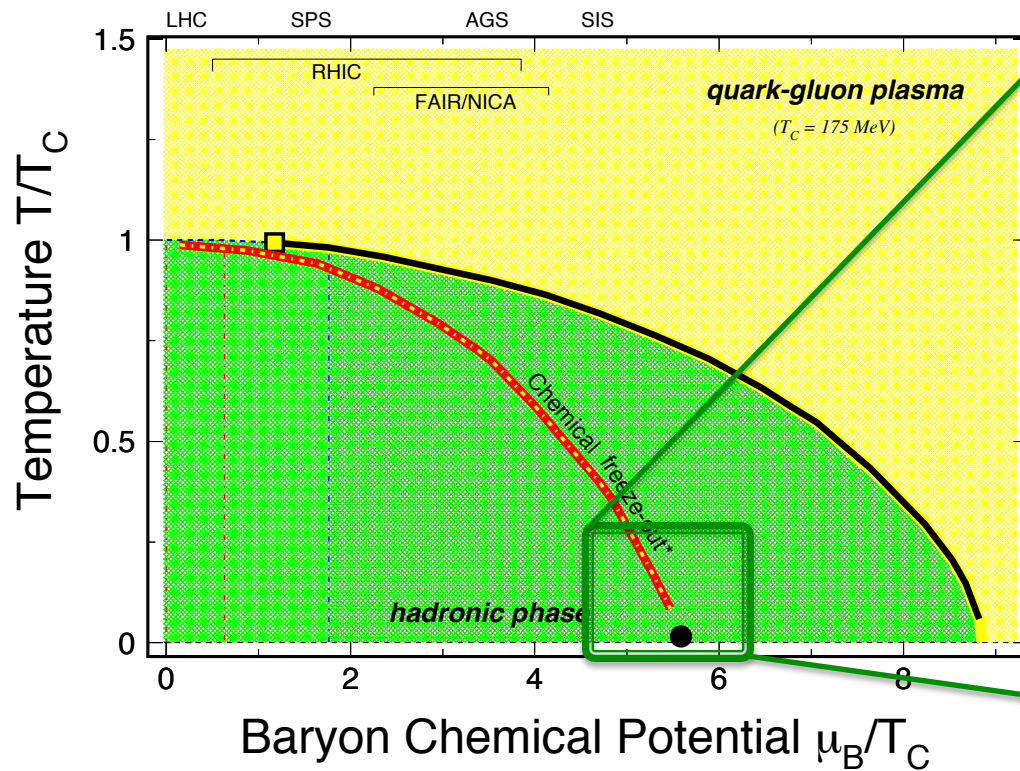
- 1) Large increase in  $\epsilon$   
a fast cross over !
- 2) Does not reach ideal,  
non-interaction S. Boltzmann  
limit !  
  - $\Rightarrow$  many body interactions
  - $\Rightarrow$  Collective modes
  - $\Rightarrow$  Quasi-particles are necessary
- 3)  $T_c \sim 170 \text{ MeV}$  robust!

Z. Fodor et al, **JHEP** 0203:014(02)

Z. Fodor et al, hep-lat/0204001

C.R. Allton et al, hep-lat/0204010

F. Karsch, Nucl. Phys. A698, 199c(02).



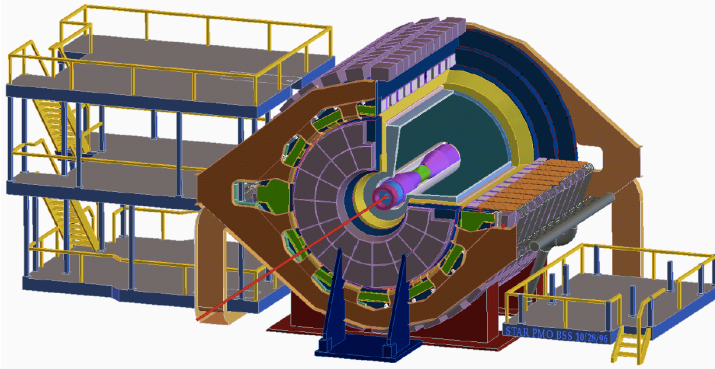
**RHIC/LHC** (Hot QCD)

**EIC (eRHIC)** (Cold QCD)

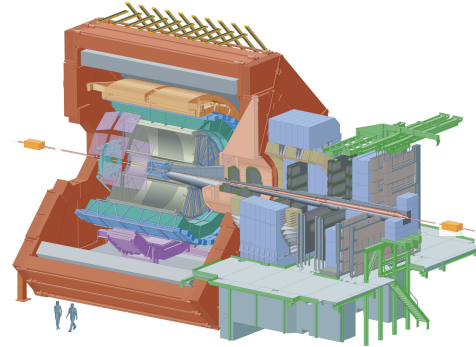
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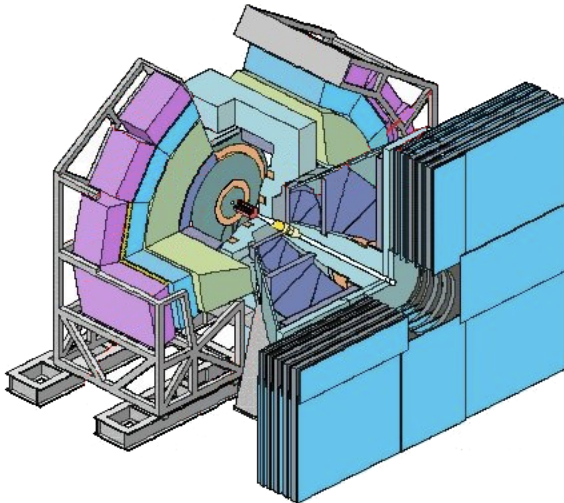
# High-Energy Nuclear Collider Experiments



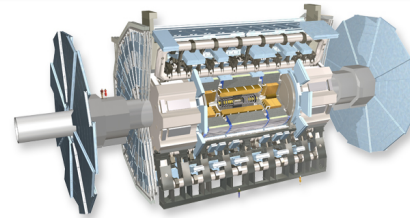
**STAR** (Solenoidal Tracker At RHIC)



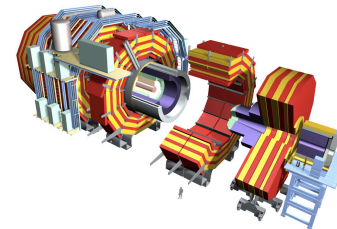
**ALICE** (A Large Ion Collider Experiment)



**PHENIX** (Pioneering High Energy Nuclear Ion Experiment)



**ATLAS** (A Toroidal LHC Apparatus)

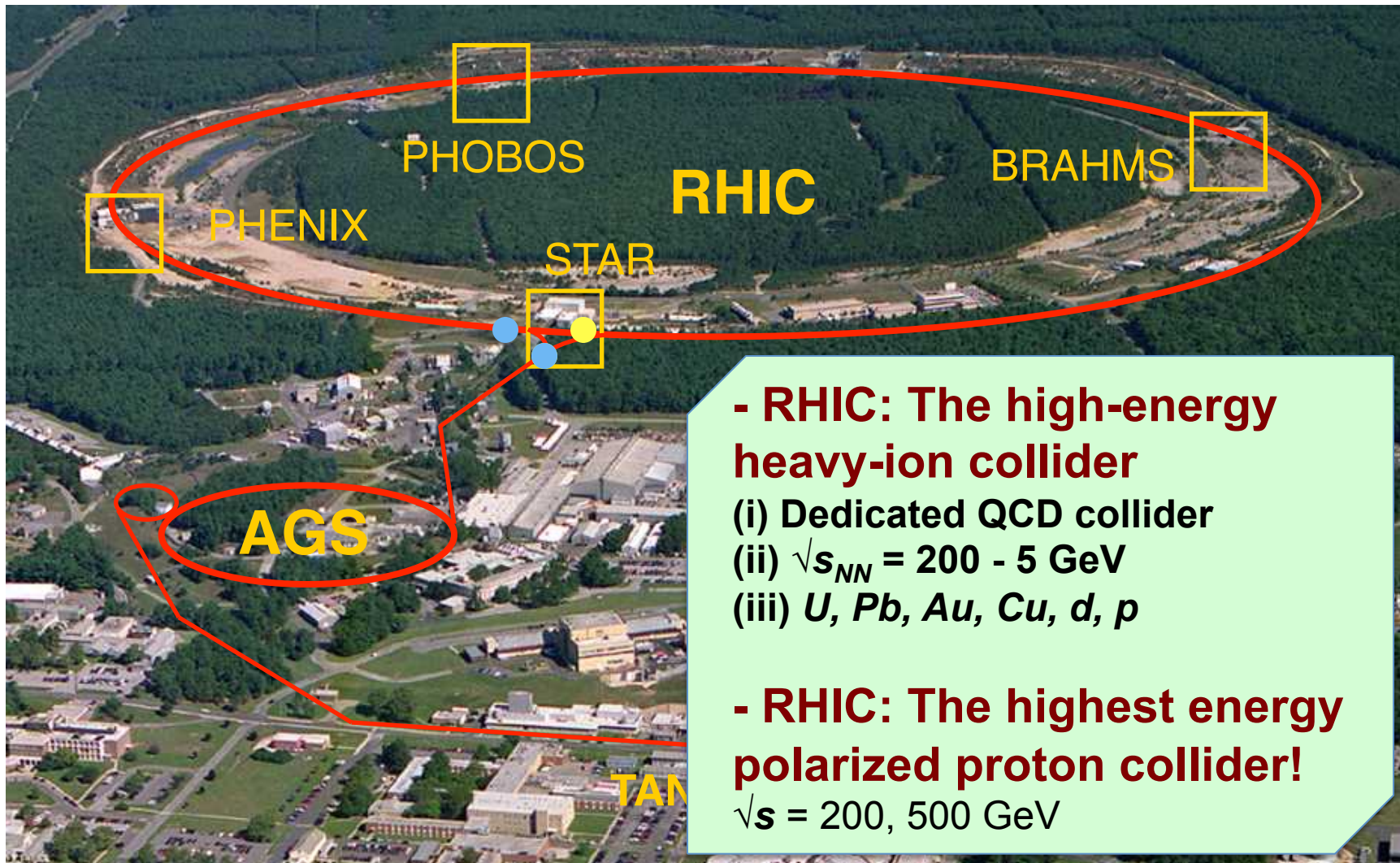


**CMS** (Compact Muon Solenoid)



# Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider

Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL), Upton, NY



Animation M. Lisa

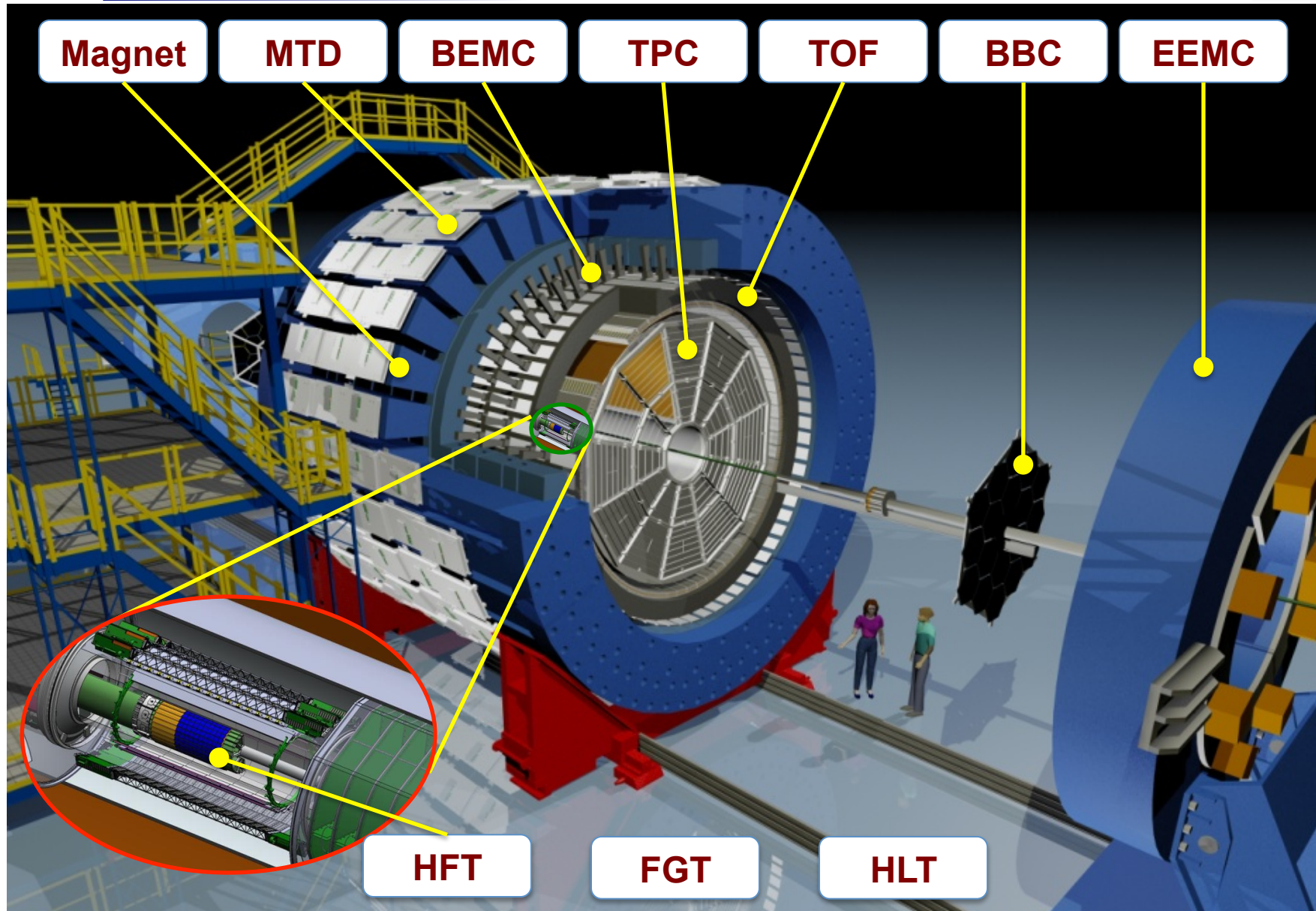


# ***STAR Collaboration***

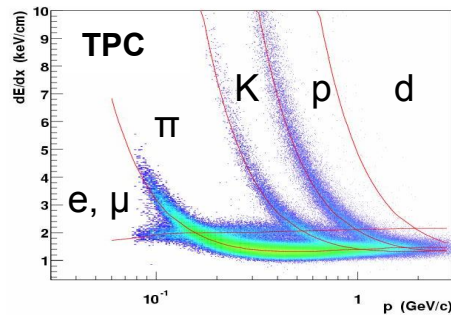




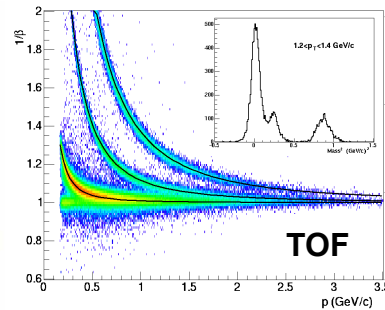
# STAR Experiment



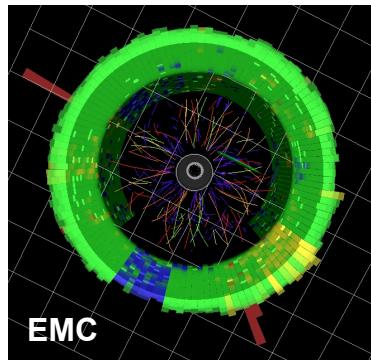
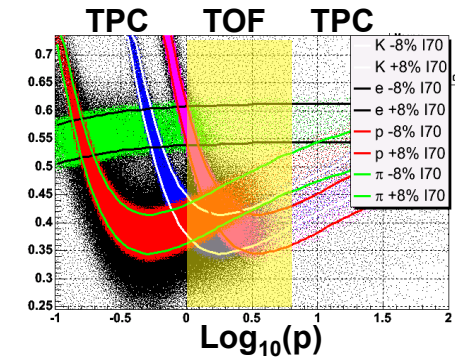
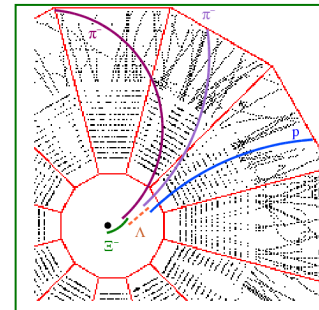
# Particle Identification at STAR



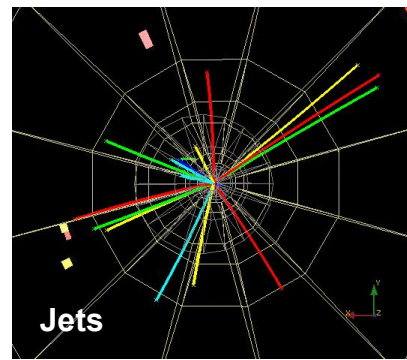
*Charged hadrons*



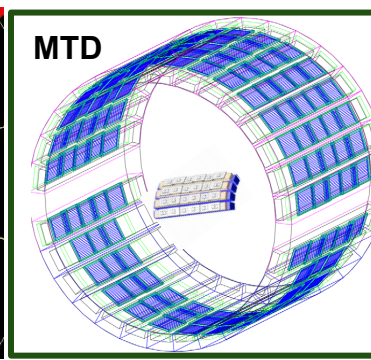
*Hyperons & Hyper-nuclei*



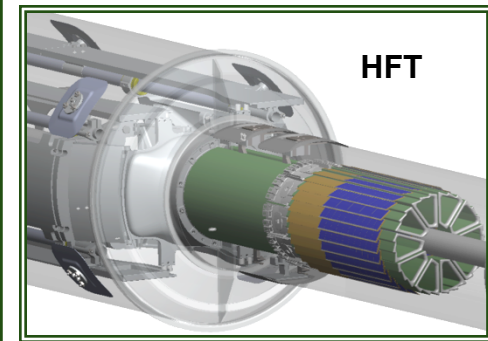
*Neutral particles*



*Jets & Correlations*



*High  $p_T$  muons*

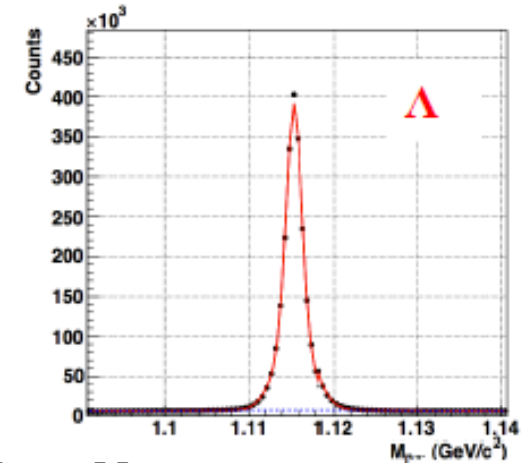
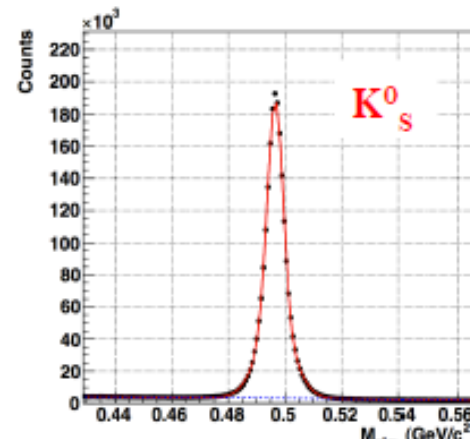
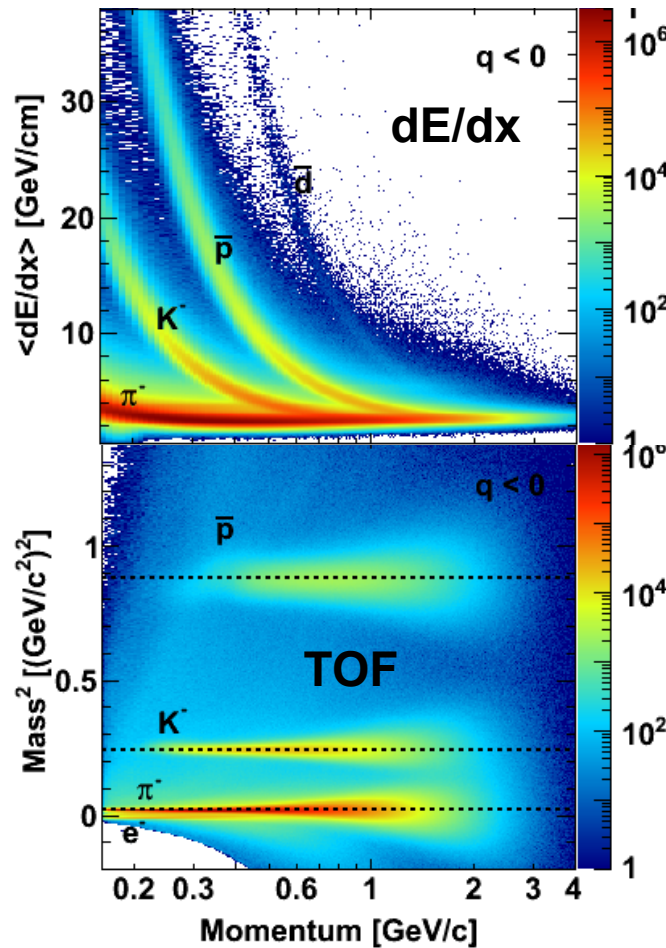


*Heavy-flavor hadrons*

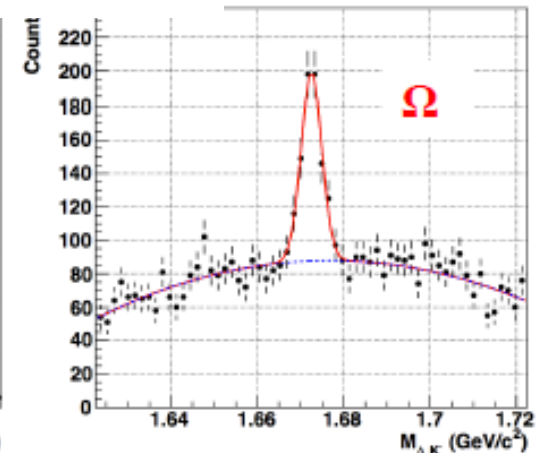
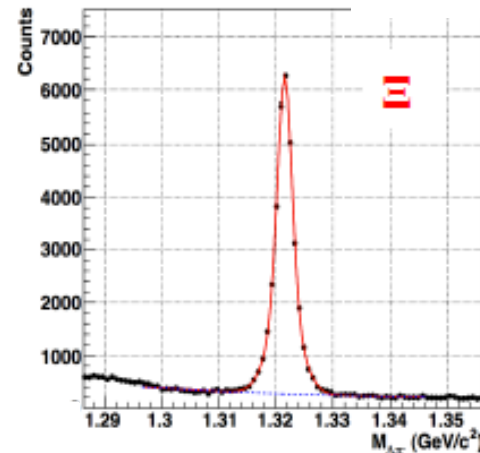
Multiple-fold correlations for the identified particles!



# Particle Identification



Invariant Mass



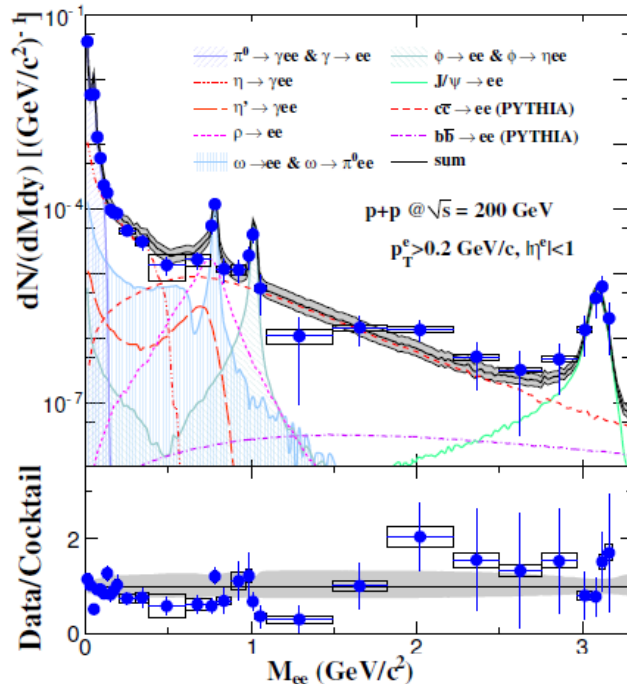
**STAR Detector: Large uniform acceptance; Excellent PID**

$\sqrt{s} = 200 \text{ GeV}$

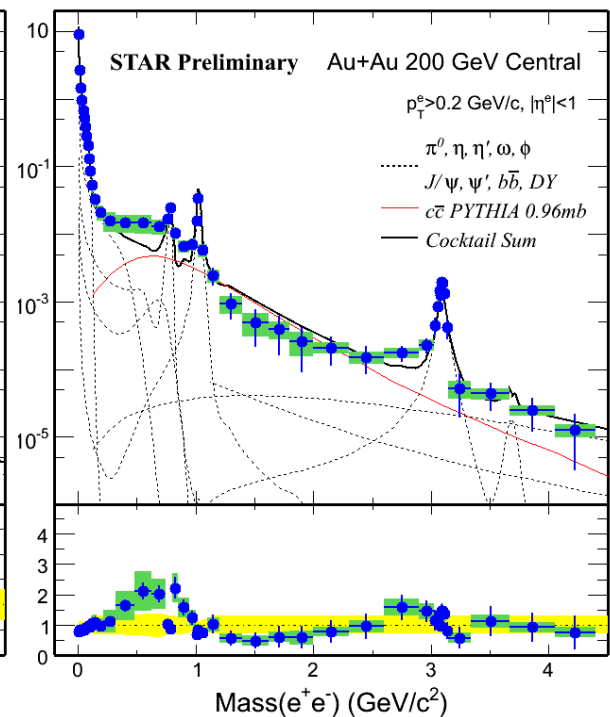
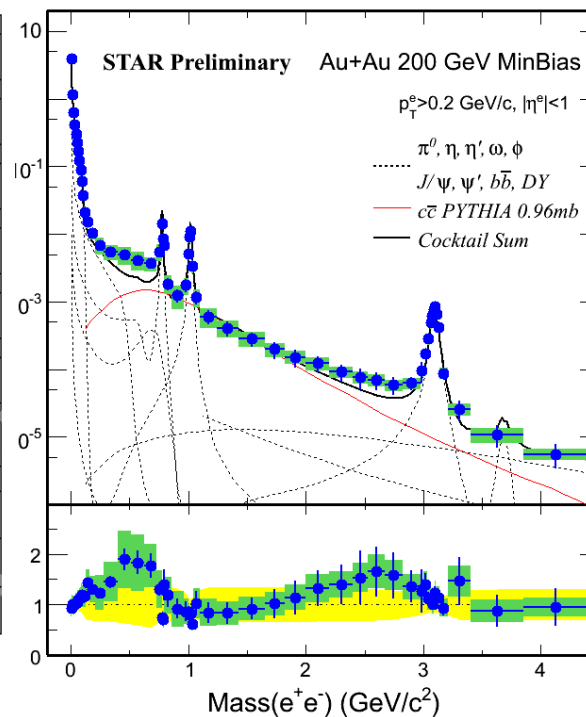
p+p

Au+Au MinBias

Au+Au Central



STAR: arXiv:1204.1890



- 1) Direct radiation, **penetrating-bulk probe**
- 2) Beam energy,  $p_T$ , centrality, mass dependence (8-10x more events):  
 **$R_{AA}$ ,  $v_2$ , radial expansion, HBT, polarization, ...**
- 3) HFT/MTD upgrades: key for the correlated charm contributions.

# STAR Detector Configurations

|  | Period    | Detectors                    | Physics                           |
|--|-----------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|  | 2001-2010 | <b>TPC</b>                   | $u, d, s$                         |
|  | 2010      | TPC + TOF                    | $u, d, s + \text{dilepton}$       |
|  | 2013      | TPC + TOF + MTD              | $u, d, s, c, b + \text{dilepton}$ |
|  | 2014      | TPC + TOF + MTD + <b>HFT</b> |                                   |

→ **STAR: Large coverage, excellent PID, fast DAQ**

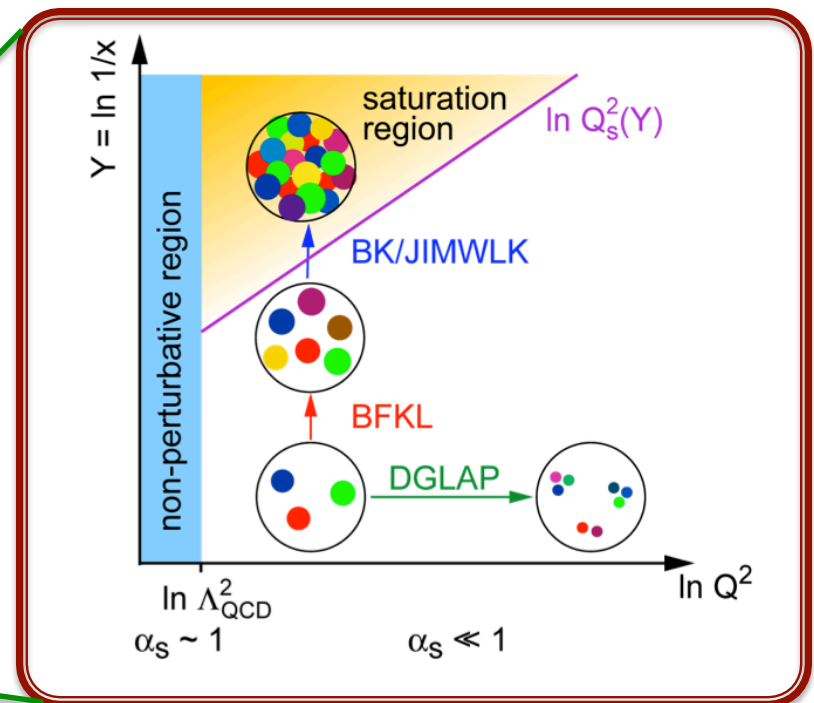
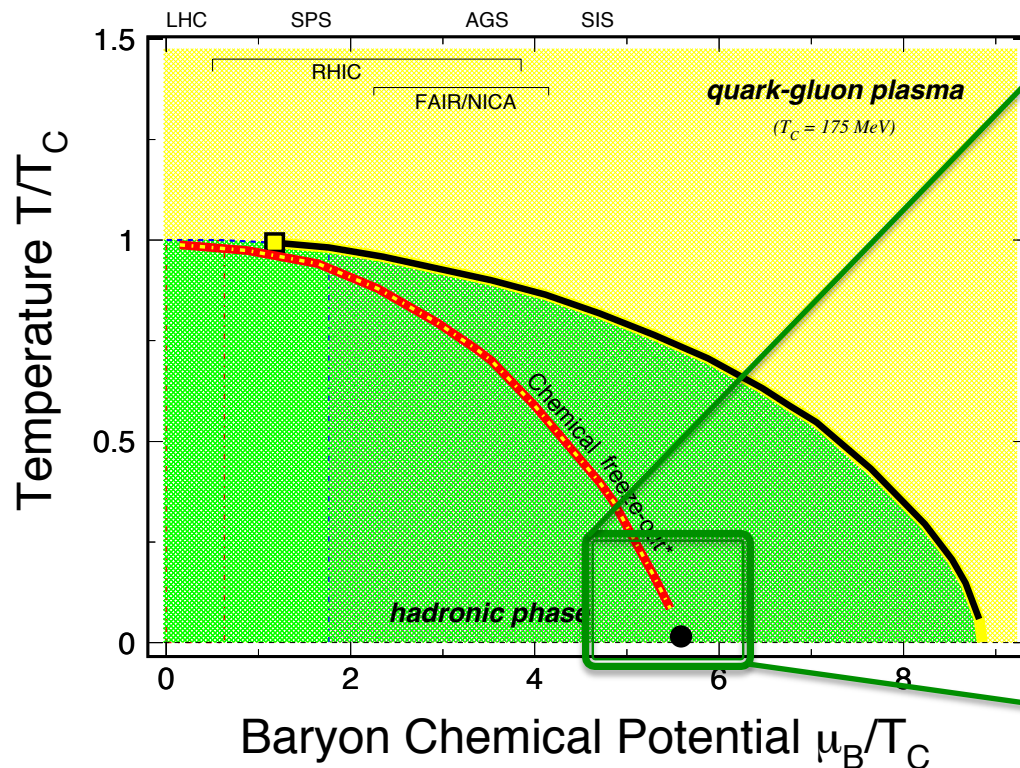
- detects nearly all particles produced at RHIC
- multiple fold correlation measurements
- Probes: **bulk, penetrating, and bulk-penetrating**

→ **STAR: An excellent mid-y collider experiment**

→ **STAR: Expanding into forward rapidity regions**

Hot QCD Matter

Cold QCD Matter



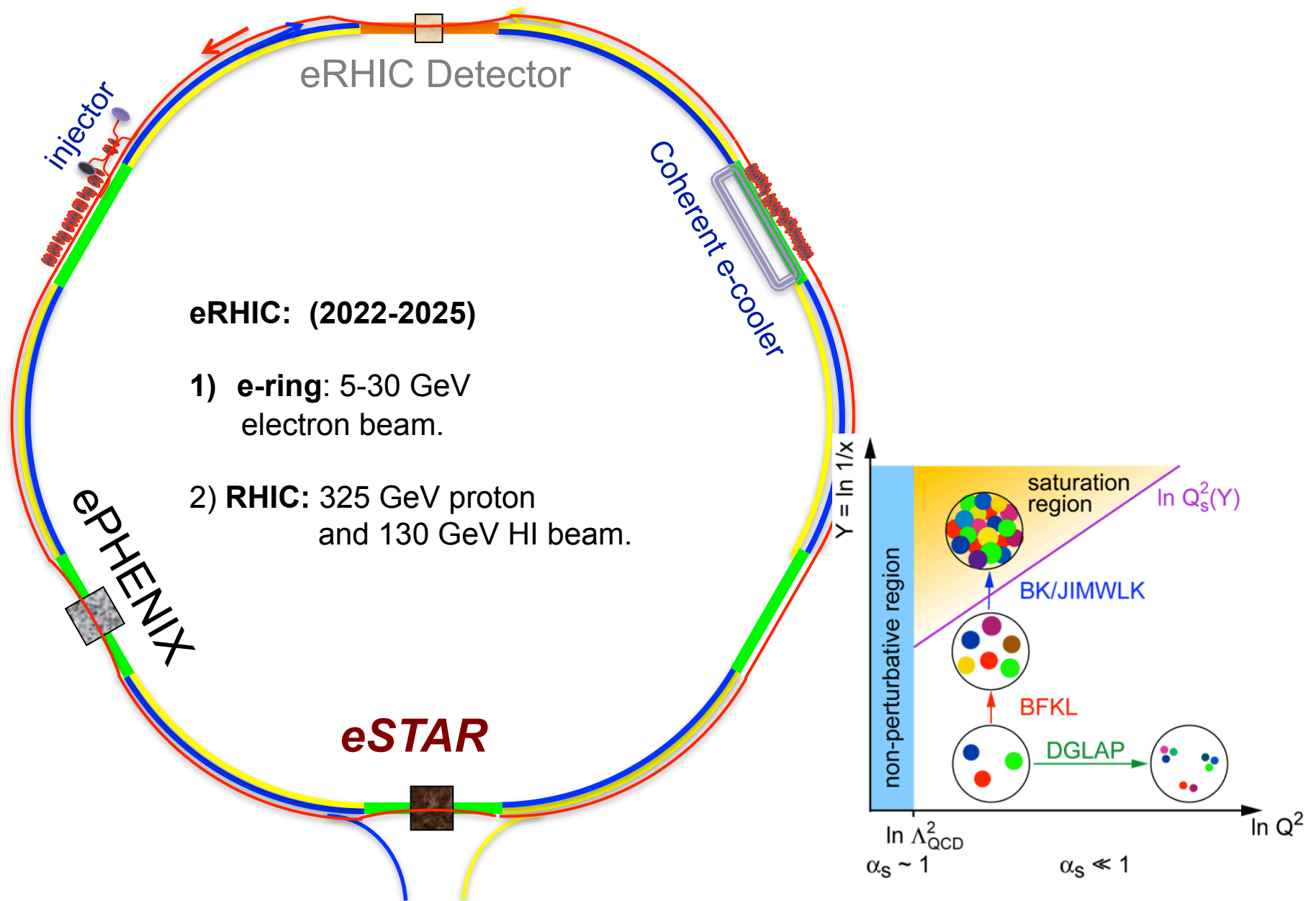
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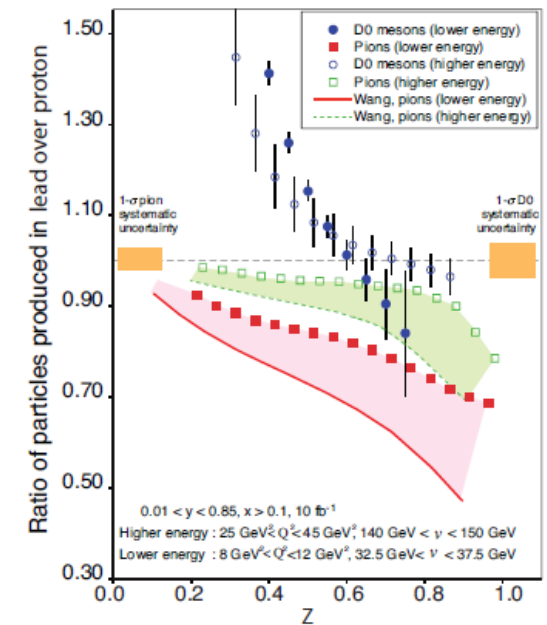
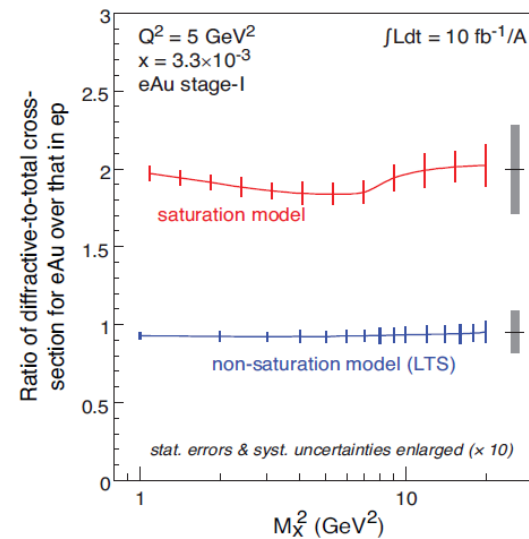
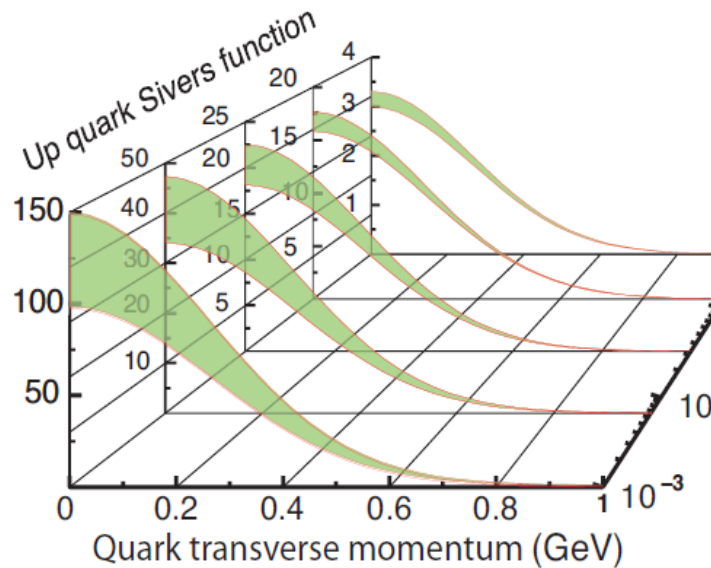
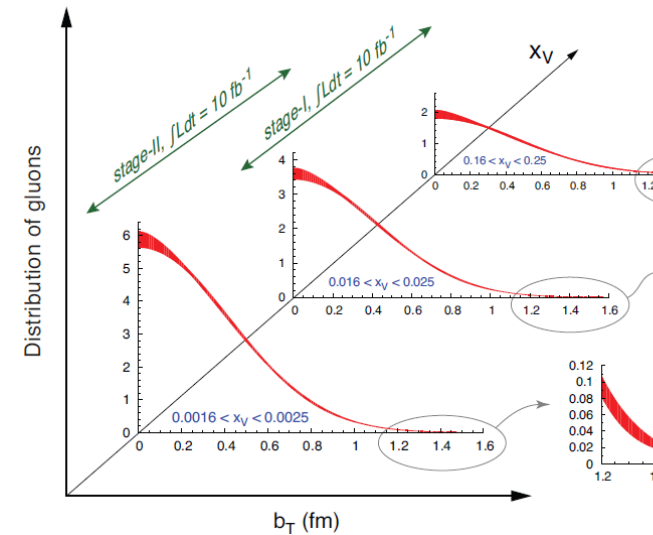
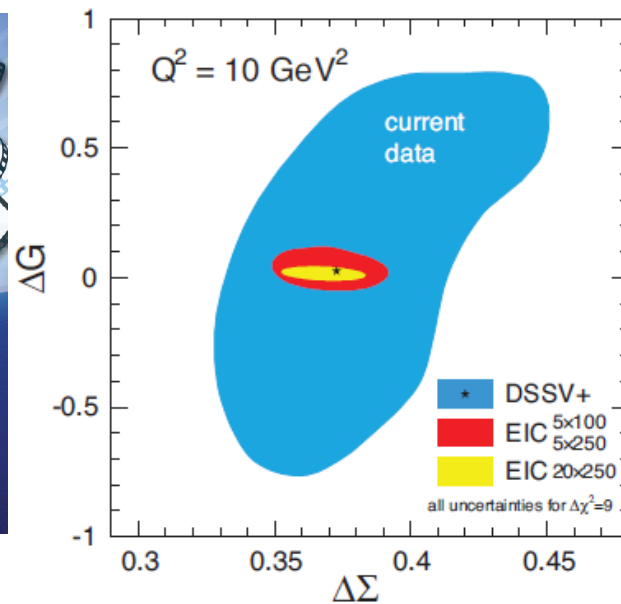
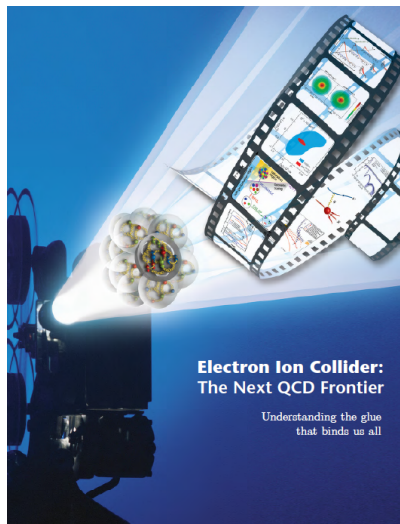
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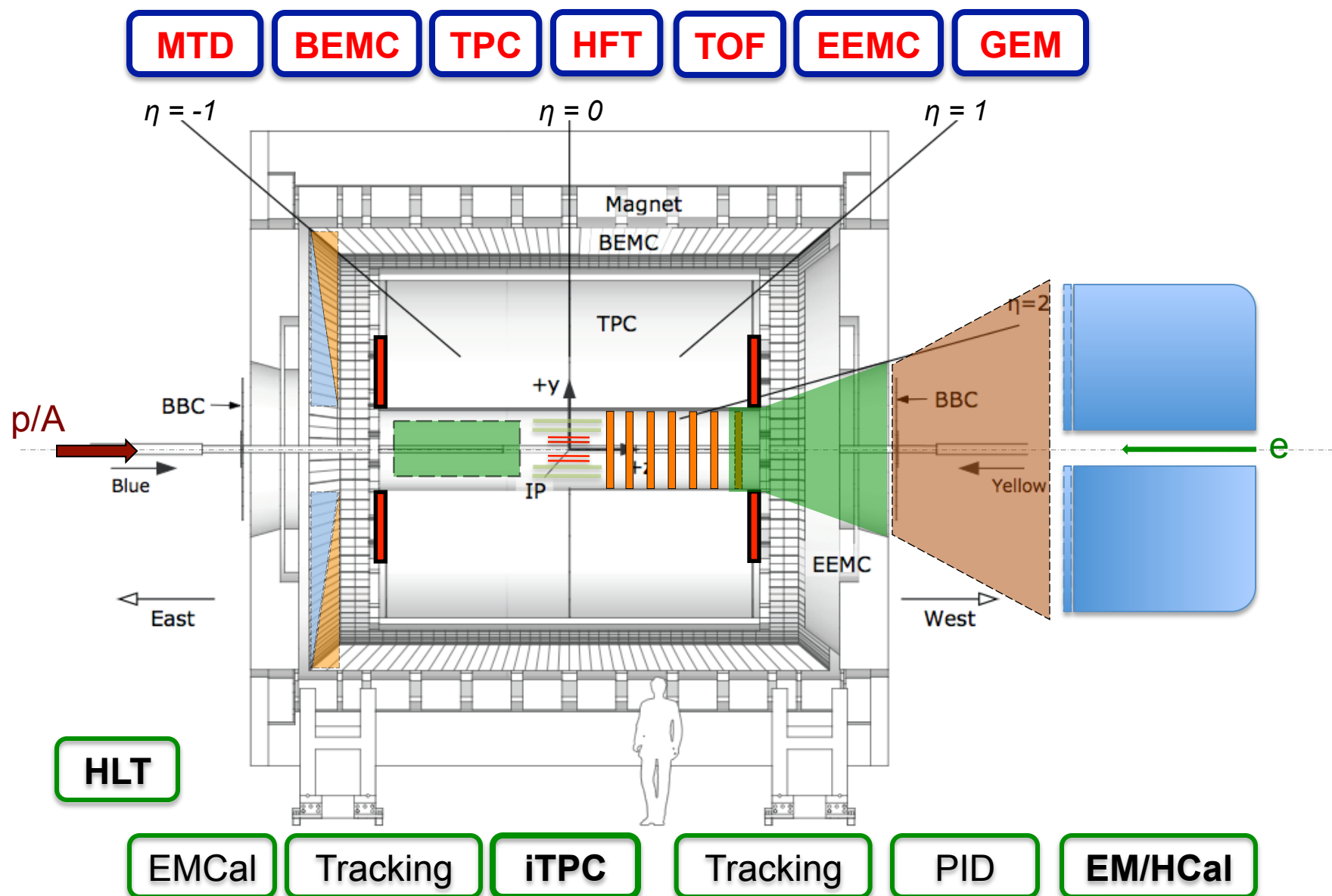


# Electron Ion Collider (eRHIC)

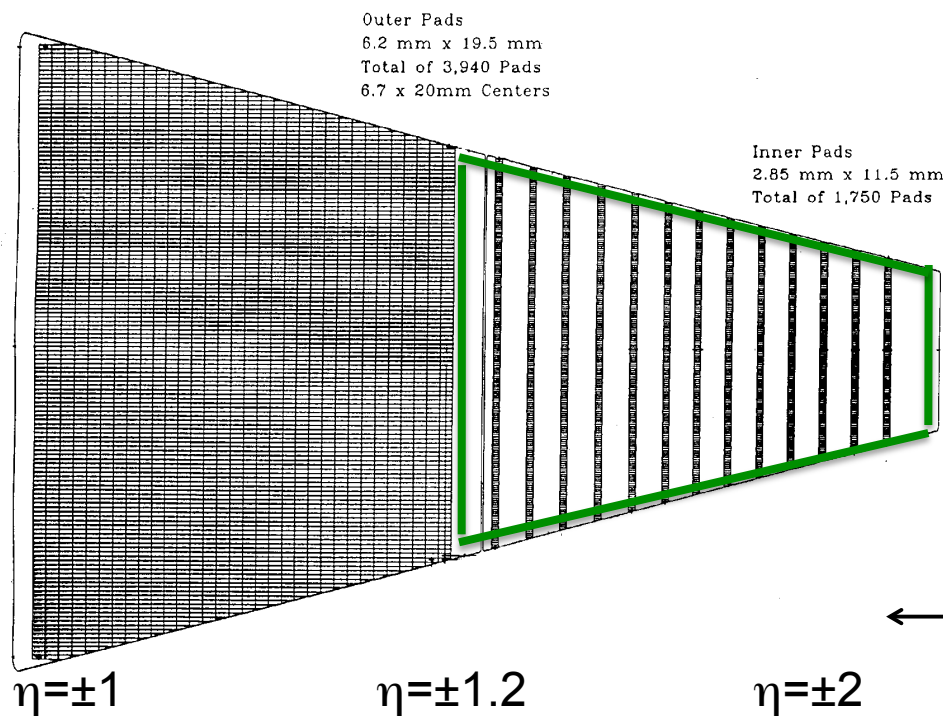




# STAR Forward Upgrade Plan (~2018)

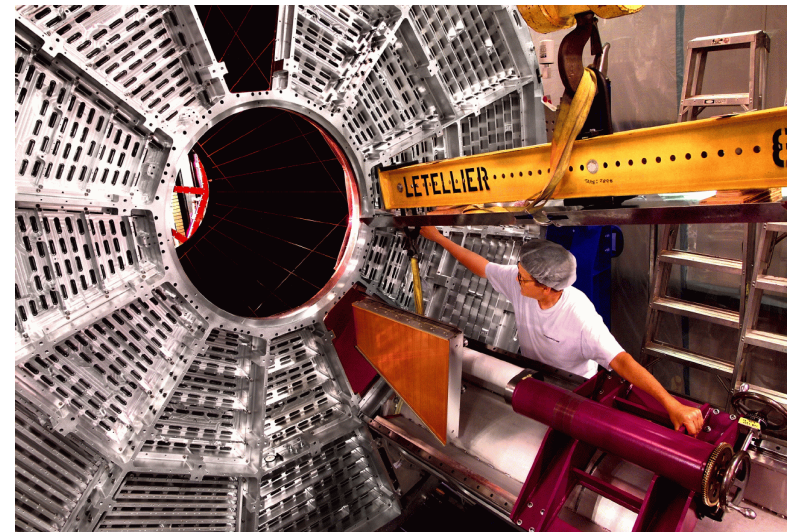


- Staggered readout
  - Only 13 maximum possible points
    - Issues in Tracking: recognition and resolution
  - Only reads ~20% of possible gas path length
    - Inner sectors essentially not used in  $dE/dx$
- Essentially limits TPC effective acceptance to  $|\eta| < 1$



## iTPC Upgrade:

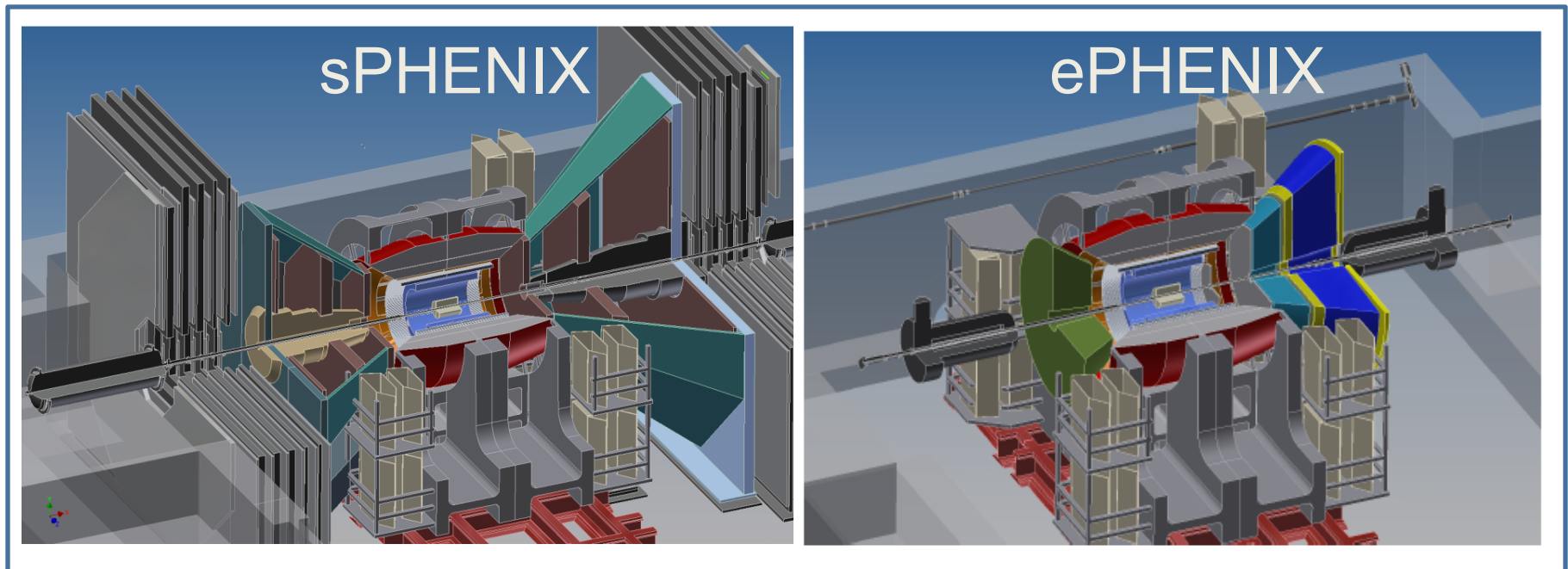
1. MWPC (SDU/SINAP)  
ATLAS sTGC  
Chinese 973 project
2. Mechanics (LBL/BNL)  
Eric Anderson (PI)
3. Electronics (BNL/ALICE)
4. Schedule (2017)



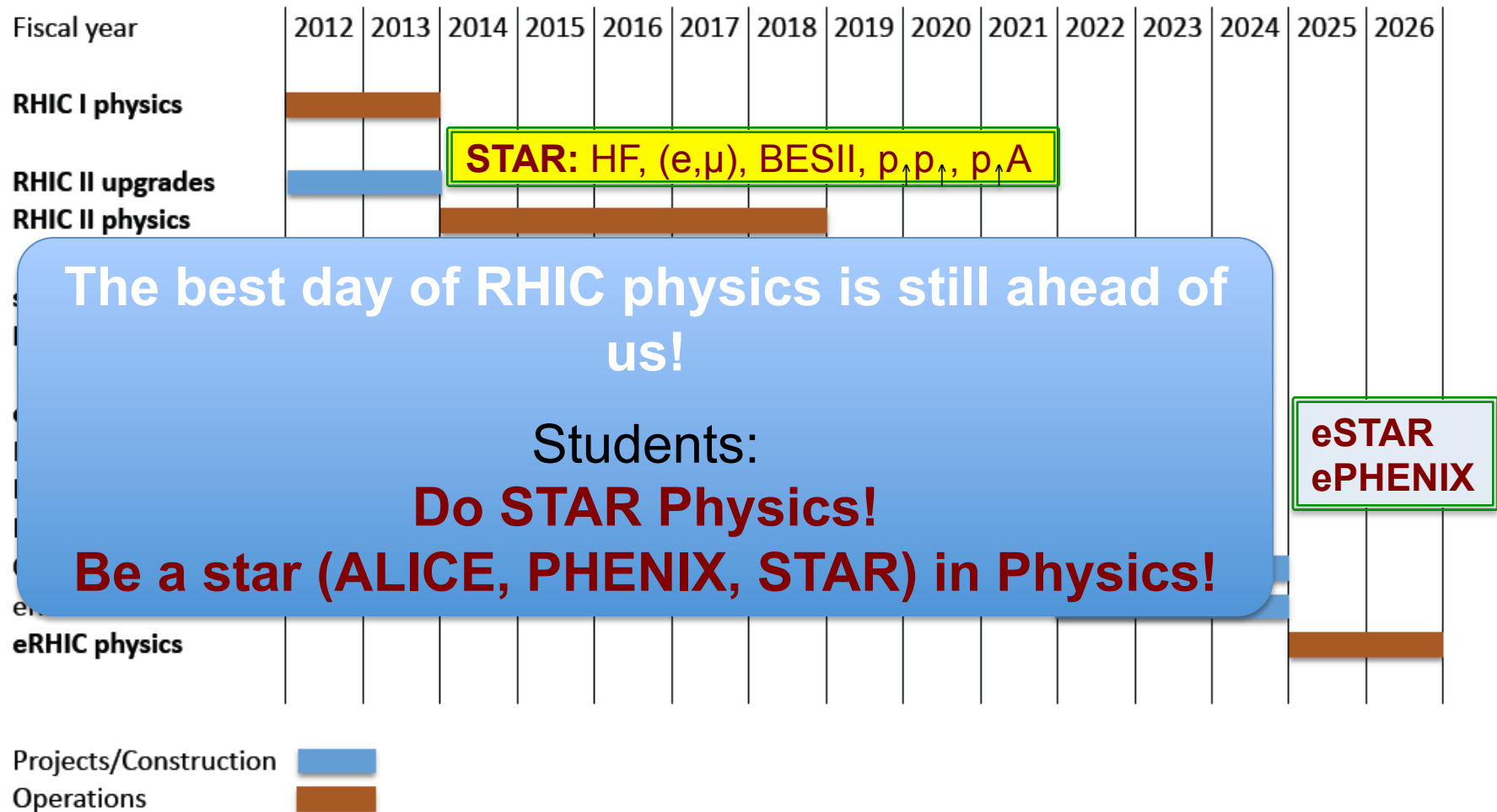


# PHENIX: sPHENIX & ePHENIX

- 1) Major changes in PHENIX detector underway: Lepton, photon dominant => Full jets measurements at RHIC: sPHENIX
- 2) Greatly increased acceptance (x20-50 in many channels) and key new detector capabilities



# RHIC: Upgrade Plan (now - 2025)



**The best day of RHIC physics is still ahead of us!**  
**More efforts needed for pA and ep/eA physics programs!**

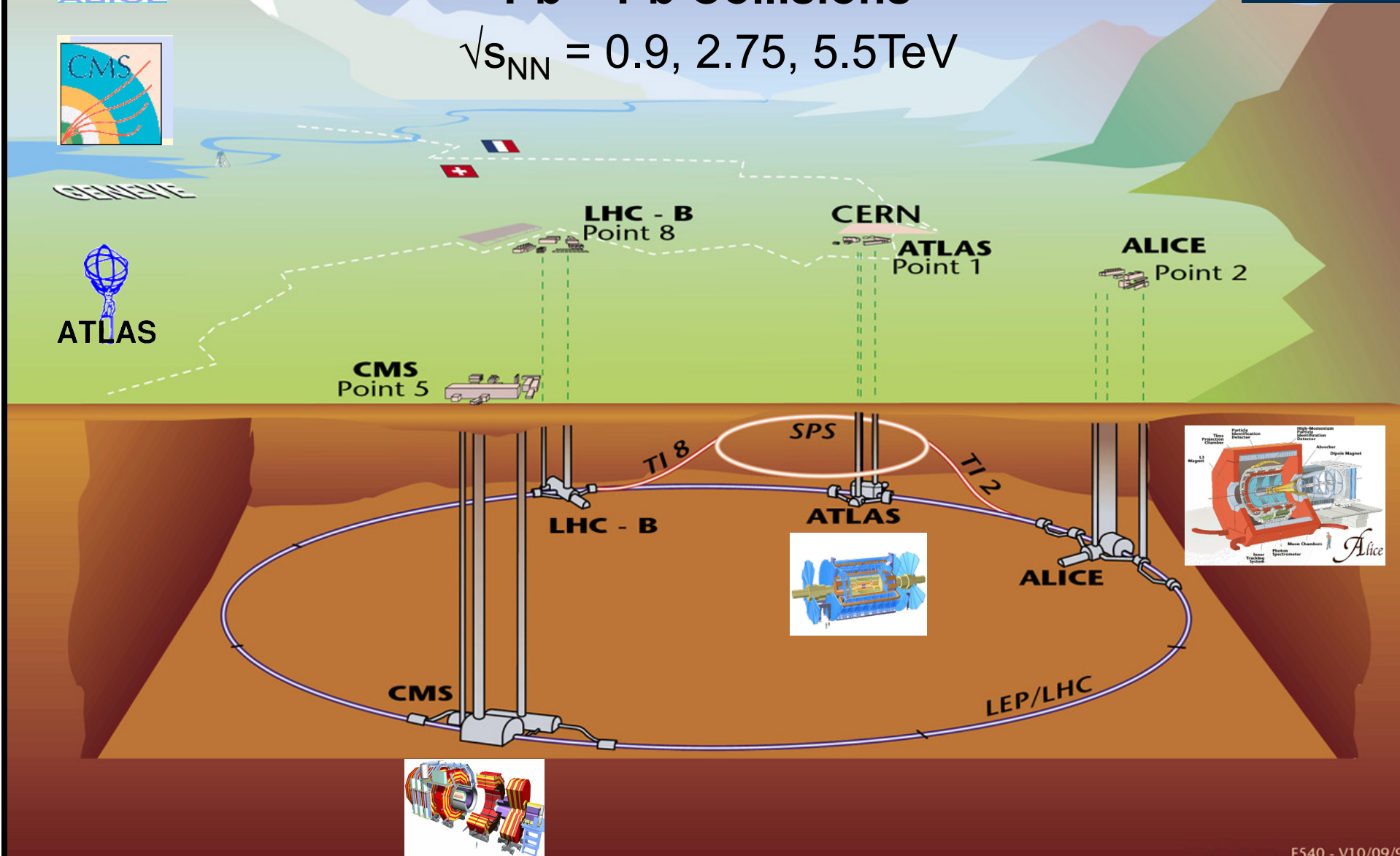
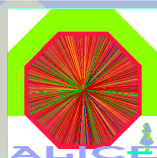
# Overall view of the LHC experiments.



## ALICE: A Dedicated HI Experiment

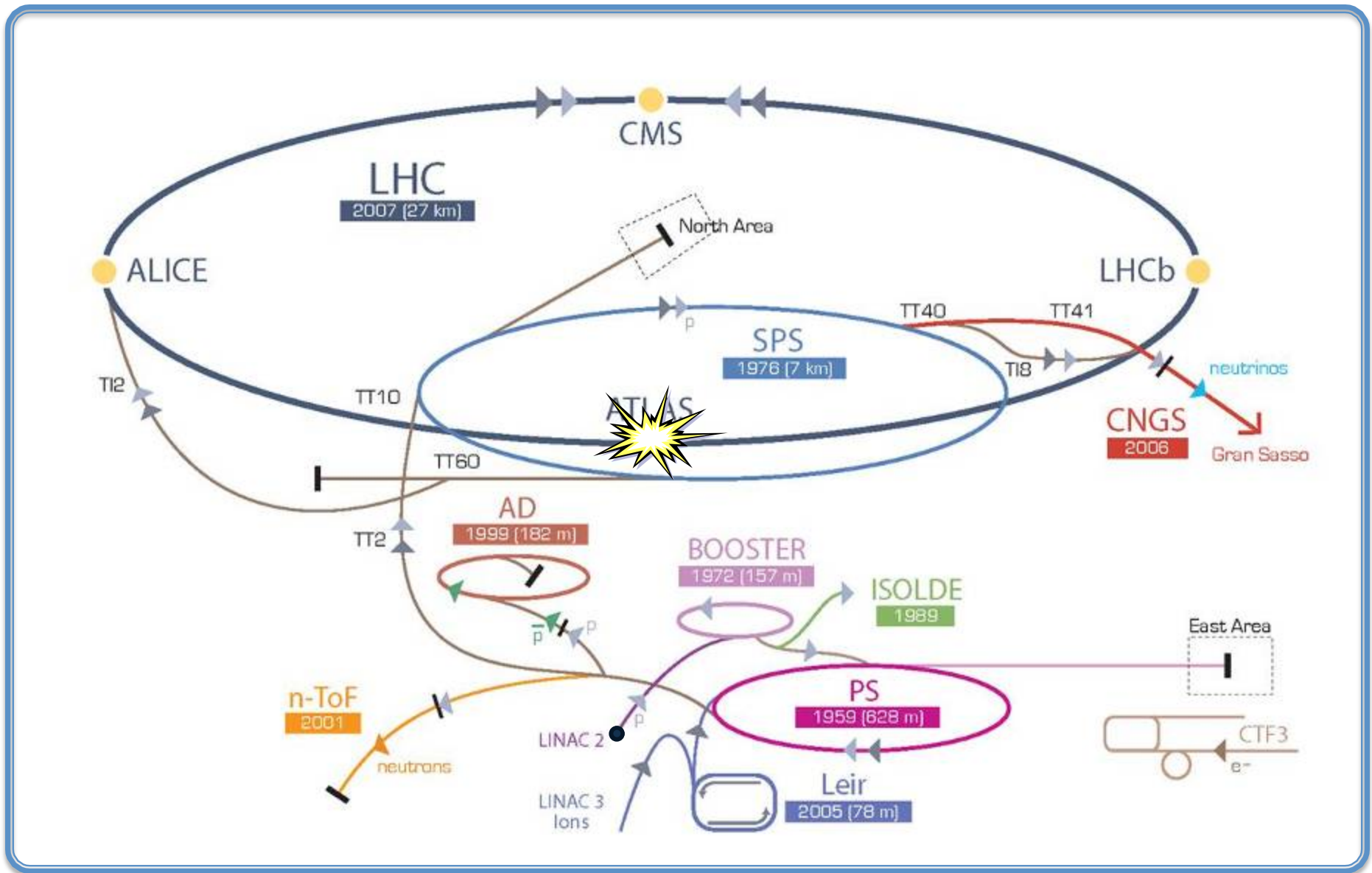
Pb + Pb Collisions

$$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 0.9, 2.75, 5.5 \text{ TeV}$$





# Large Hadron Collider



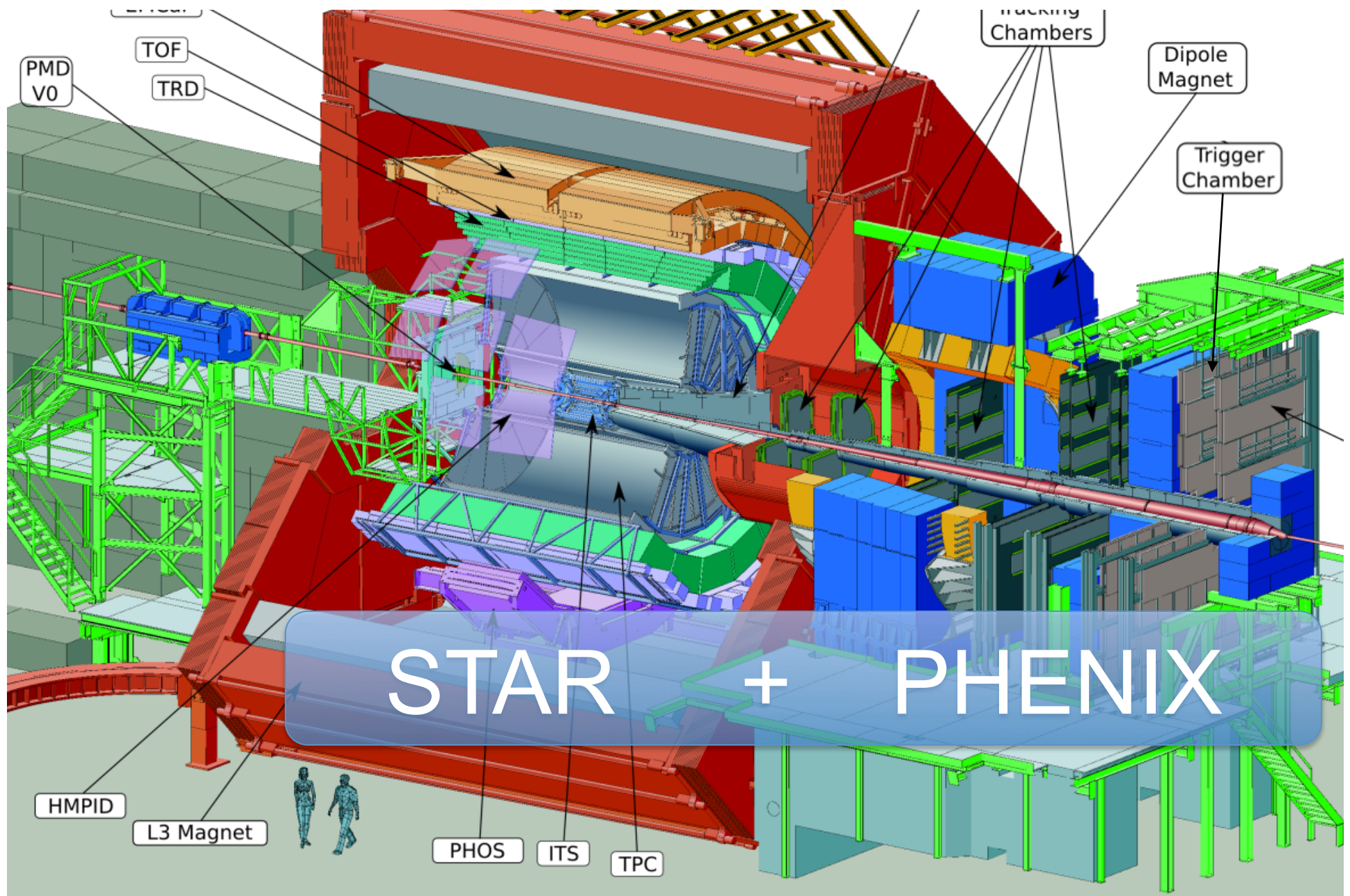


Long term issues have  
been arranged!

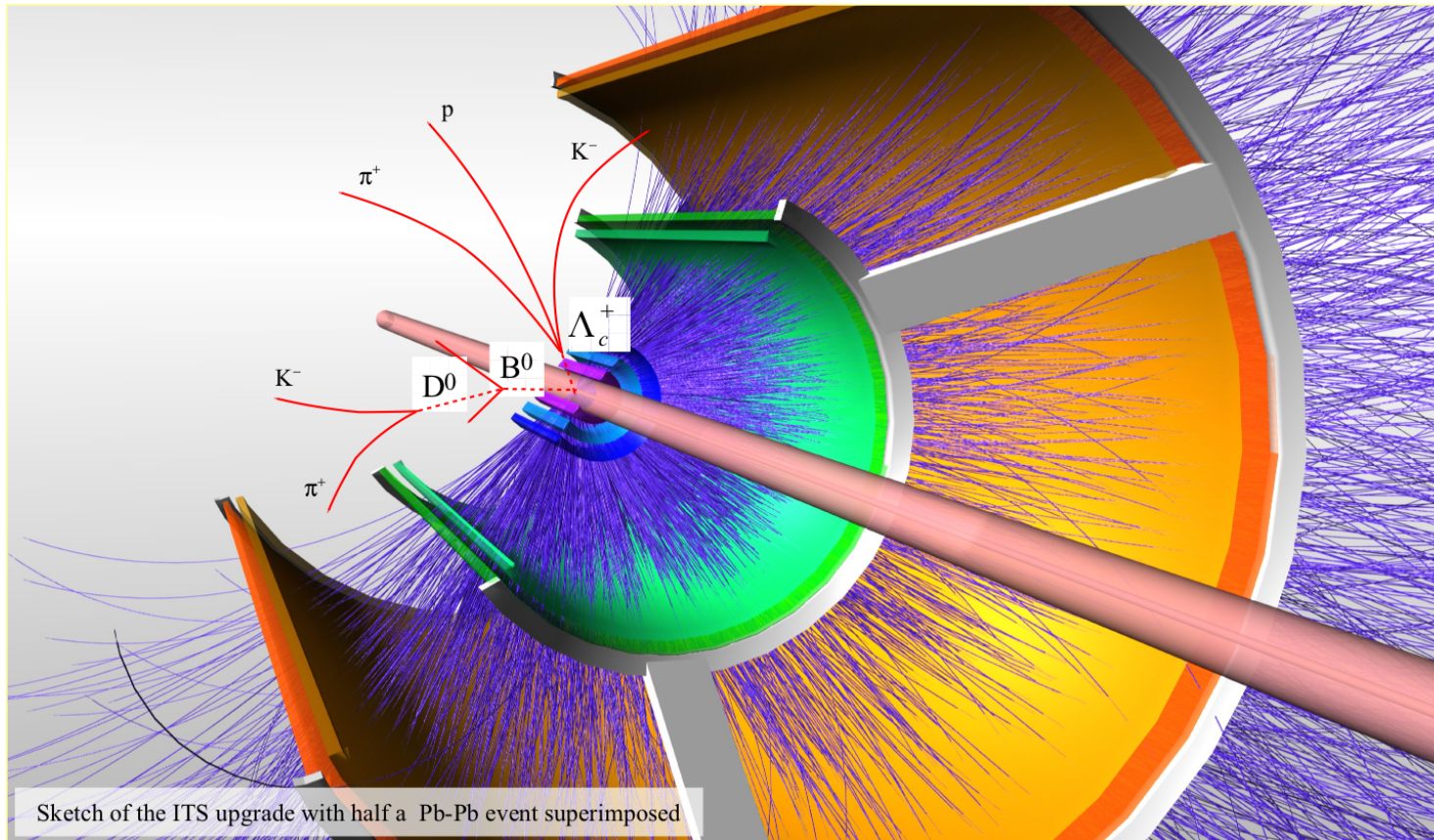




# ALICE Experiment



# Upgrading the Inner Detector



- upgrade Concept recently approved by the ALICE Collaboration
- targeted for 2017-2018 LHC shutdown  
Erice, 34th Course
- Conceptual Design Report CERN-LHCC-2012-005





# Future Trends in High-Energy Nuclear Collisions

August 19 – 22, 2013

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## Organizing Committee:

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**Pengfei Zhuang, chair** (Tsinghua University, China)

Workshop website: <http://qm.phys.tsinghua.edu.cn/thu-henp/2013/index.html>

Physics about LHC, RHIC, and eRHIC will be discussed at the workshop. **Limited funds are available to support young scientists.** The funds will cover the registration fee and local expenses. For those who are interested please send their applications to Prof. Pengfei Zhuang, [zhuangpf@mail.tsinghua.edu.cn](mailto:zhuangpf@mail.tsinghua.edu.cn), by July 31, 2013.



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## Invited Workshop Speakers

### ***ALICE Experiment:***

- Jets and photons: Christian Klein-Boesing (University Muenster)
- Detector development for ALICE upgrade: Luciano Musa (CERN)
- Quarkonia and heavy flavors: Andrea Dainese (INFN Padua)
- p+Pb results from ALICE: Constantin Loizides (LBNL)
- Bulk results from ALICE: Jan Fiete Grosse-Oetringhaus (CERN)
- Physics program of ALICE upgrade: K. Safarik (CERN)

### ***PHENIX Experiment:***

- RHIC jets: Barbara Jacak (Stony Brook University)
- RHIC quarkonia: Xiaochun He (Georgia State University)
- RHIC photons and dileptons: Yasuyuki Akiba (RIKEN)
- RHIC initial state and d/p+A: Richard Seto (UC Riverside)
- RHIC spin: Jin Huang (LANL)
- sPHENIX upgrade plans: Dave Morrison (BNL)
- Forward s/ePHENIX upgrade plans: Kieran Boyle (BNL)
- PHENIX R&D: Tom Hemmick (Stony Brook University)

### ***Future Programs and Summary:***

- EIC physics program: Abhay Deshpande (Stony Brook University)
- EIC in China: Xurong Chen (IMP)
- Workshop Summary: Jianwei Qiu (BNL)

### ***STAR Experiment:***

- Bulk measurements at RHIC: Xianglei Zhu (Tsinghua University)
- Freeze-out studies at RHIC: Daniel Cebra (UC Davis)
- Beam Energy Scan Program: Xin Dong (LBNL)
- Open heavy flavor measurements: Yifei Zhang (USTC)
- STAR future R&D: Zhangbu Xu (BNL)
- RHIC exotica: Aihong Tang (BNL)
- eSTAR program: Ernst Sichtermann (LBNL)

### ***Theory:***

- Future of High-Energy Nuclear Collisions: Berndt Mueller (BNL/Duke)
- CGC, Glassma: Larry McLerran (BNL)
- Di-lepton Emission in HI Collisions: Ralf Rapp (Texas A&M)
- Pre-Equilibrium: Jinfeng Liao (Indiana University)
- Small-x Physics in pp/pA Collisions: Feng Yuan (LBNL)
- Jet-Quenching in HI Collisions: Xin-Nian Wang (CCNU/LBNL)
- Quarkonia Production in HI Collisions: Pengfei Zhuang (Tsinghua University)
- Transport Approach: Zhe Xu (Tsinghua University)
- Hydrodynamics: Tetsufumi Hirano (Sophia University)
- Transport in HI: Hannah Petersen (Frankfurt University)

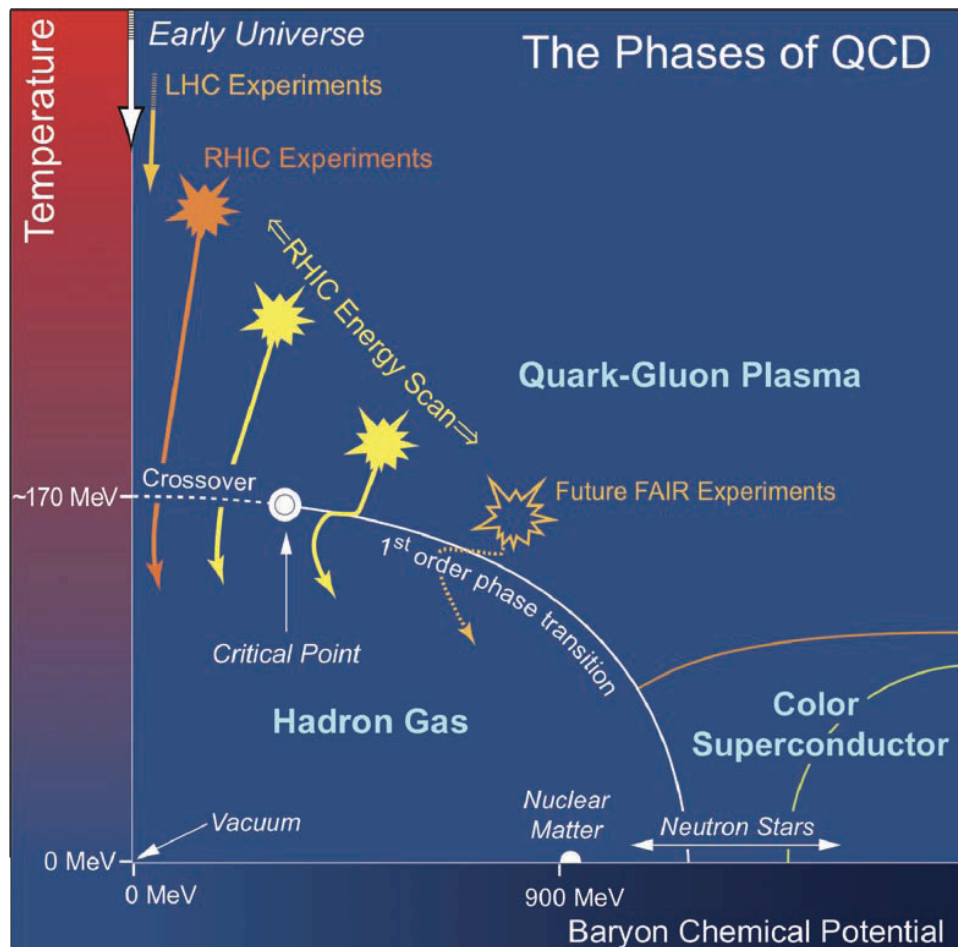




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## Study QCD Phase Structure

- Signals of phase boundary
- Signals for critical point

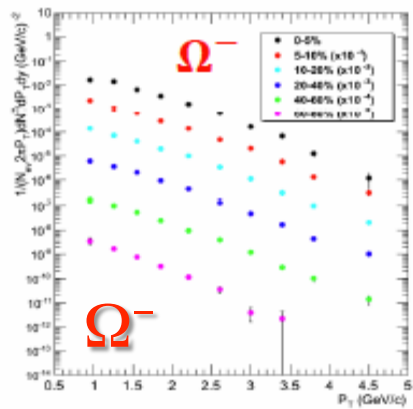
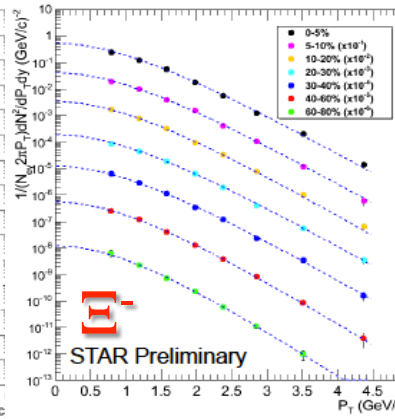
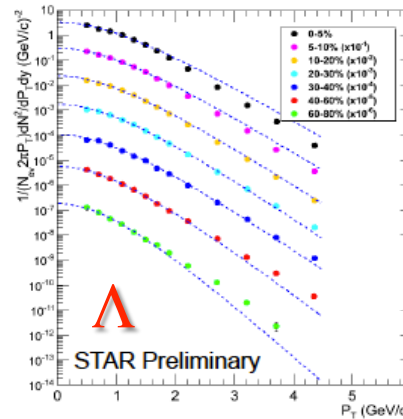
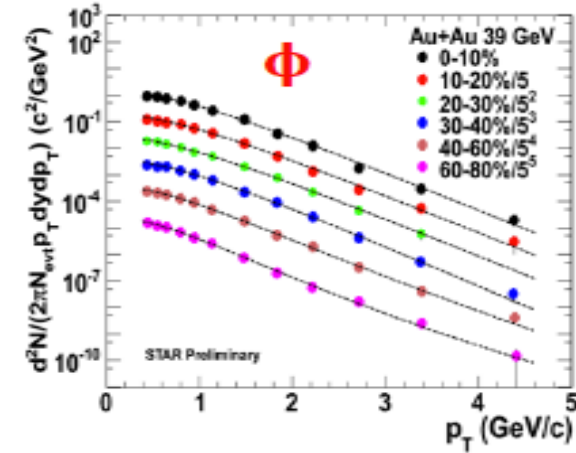
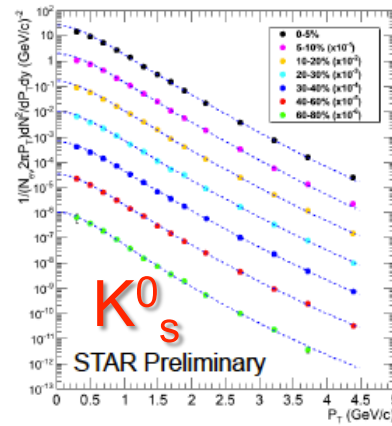
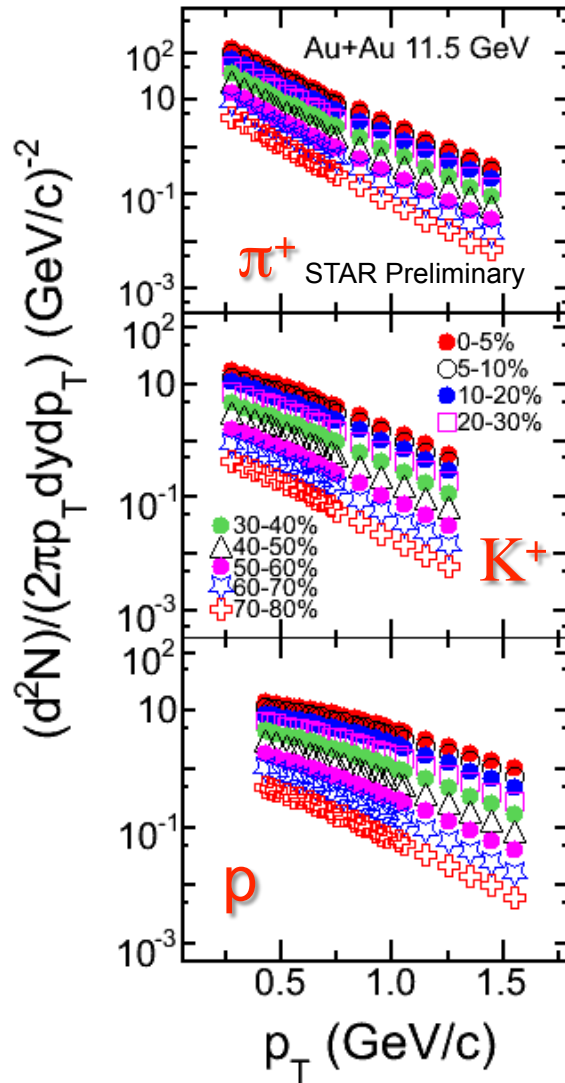


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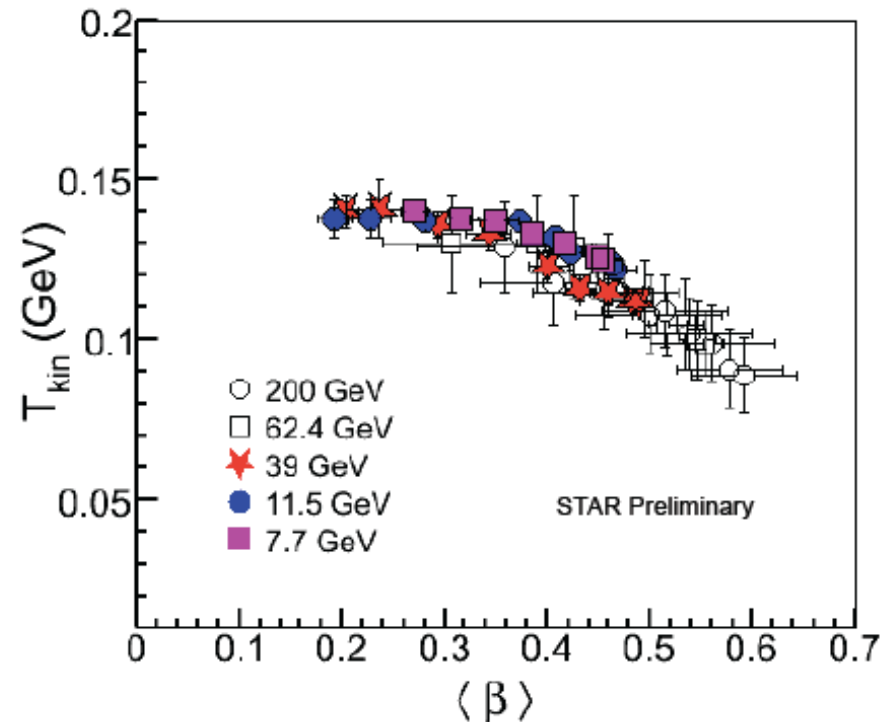
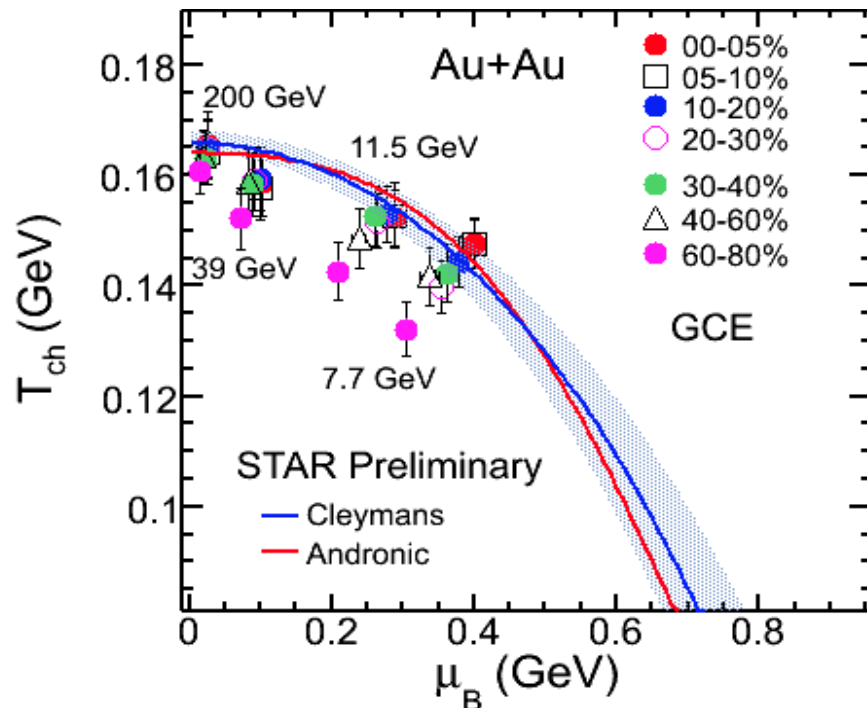
- (1) **Azimuthally HBT**  
1st order phase transition
- (2) **Directed flow  $v_1$**   
1st order phase transition
- (3) **Dynamical correlations**  
partonic vs. hadronic dof
- (4)  **$v_2$  - NCQ scaling**  
partonic vs. hadronic dof
- (5) **Fluctuations**  
Critical point, correl. length

- <http://drupal.star.bnl.gov/STAR/starnotes/public/sn0493>

- arXiv:1007.2613



# (1) Bulk Properties at Freeze-out



## Chemical Freeze-out: (GCE)

- Central collisions => higher values of  $T_{ch}$  and  $\mu_B$ !
- The effect is stronger at lower energy.

## Kinetic Freeze-out:

- Central collisions => lower value of  $T_{kin}$  and larger collectivity  $\beta$
- Stronger collectivity at higher energy

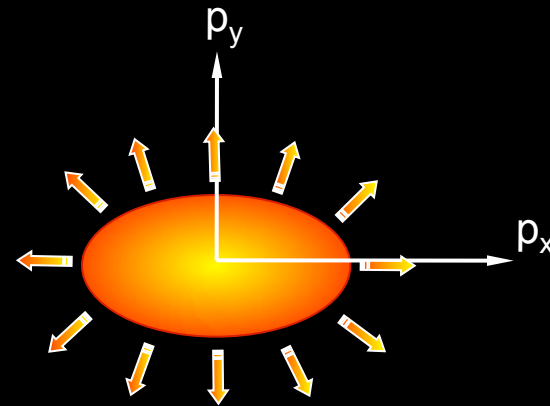
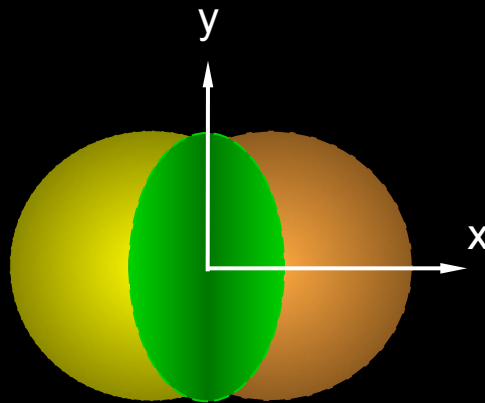
STAR: S. Das, L. Kumar, QM2012

# Anisotropy Parameter $v_2$

coordinate-space-anisotropy



momentum-space-anisotropy



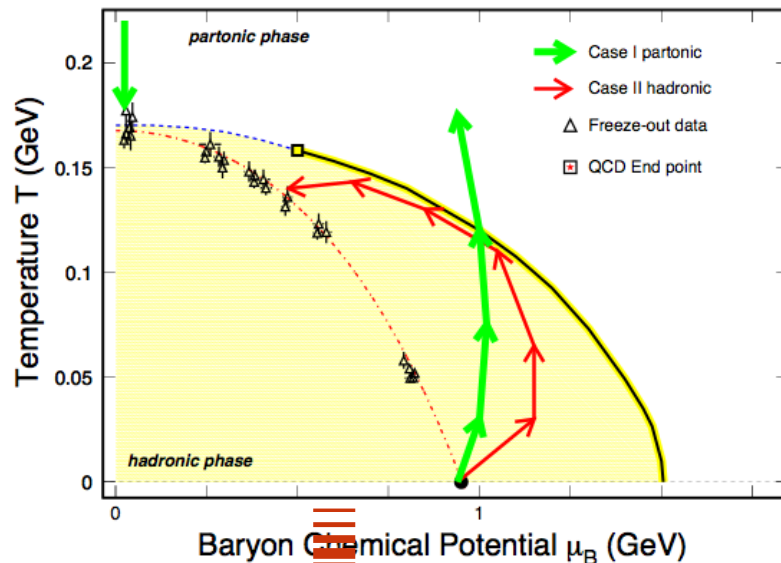
$$\varepsilon = \frac{\langle y^2 - x^2 \rangle}{\langle y^2 + x^2 \rangle}$$

$$v_2 = \langle \cos 2\varphi \rangle, \quad \varphi = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{p_y}{p_x}\right)$$

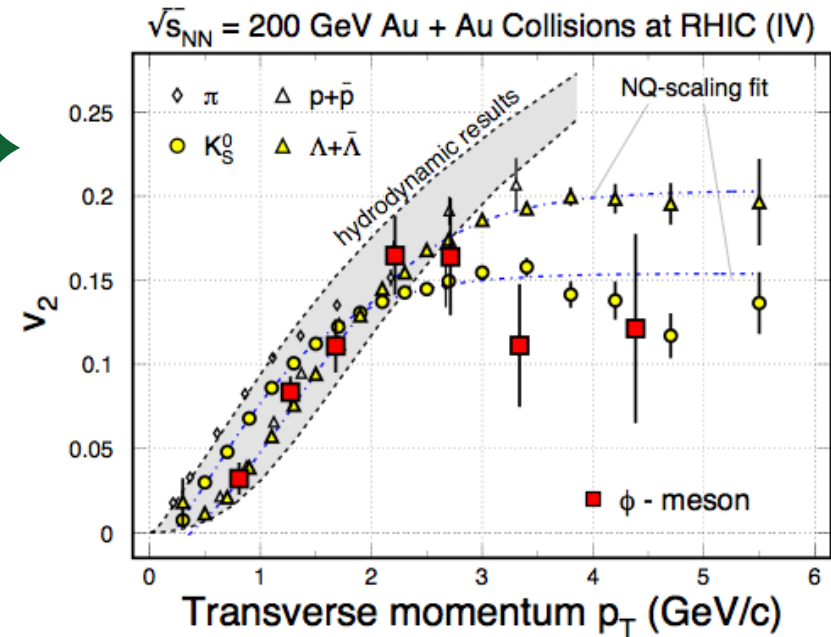
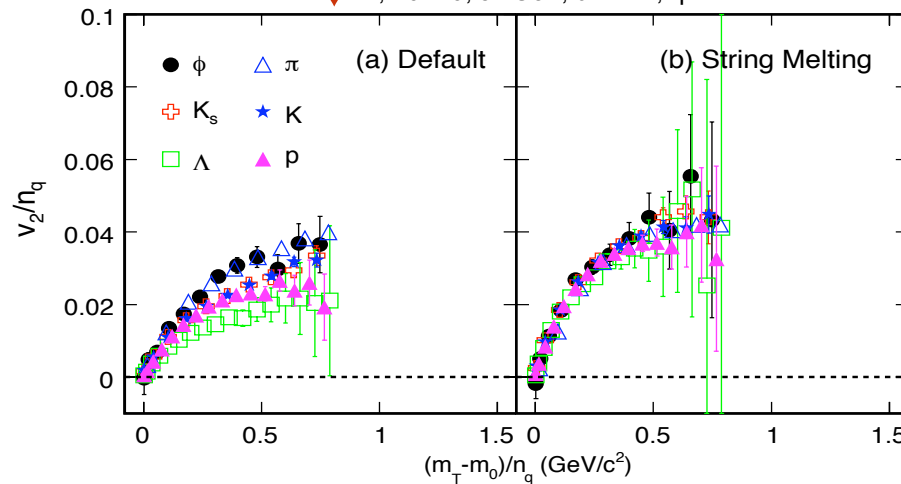
**Initial/final conditions, EoS, degrees of freedom**



# (3) NCQ Scaling in $v_2$



AMPT, Au+Au, 9.2GeV,  $b < 14\text{fm}$ ,  $|\eta| < 1$



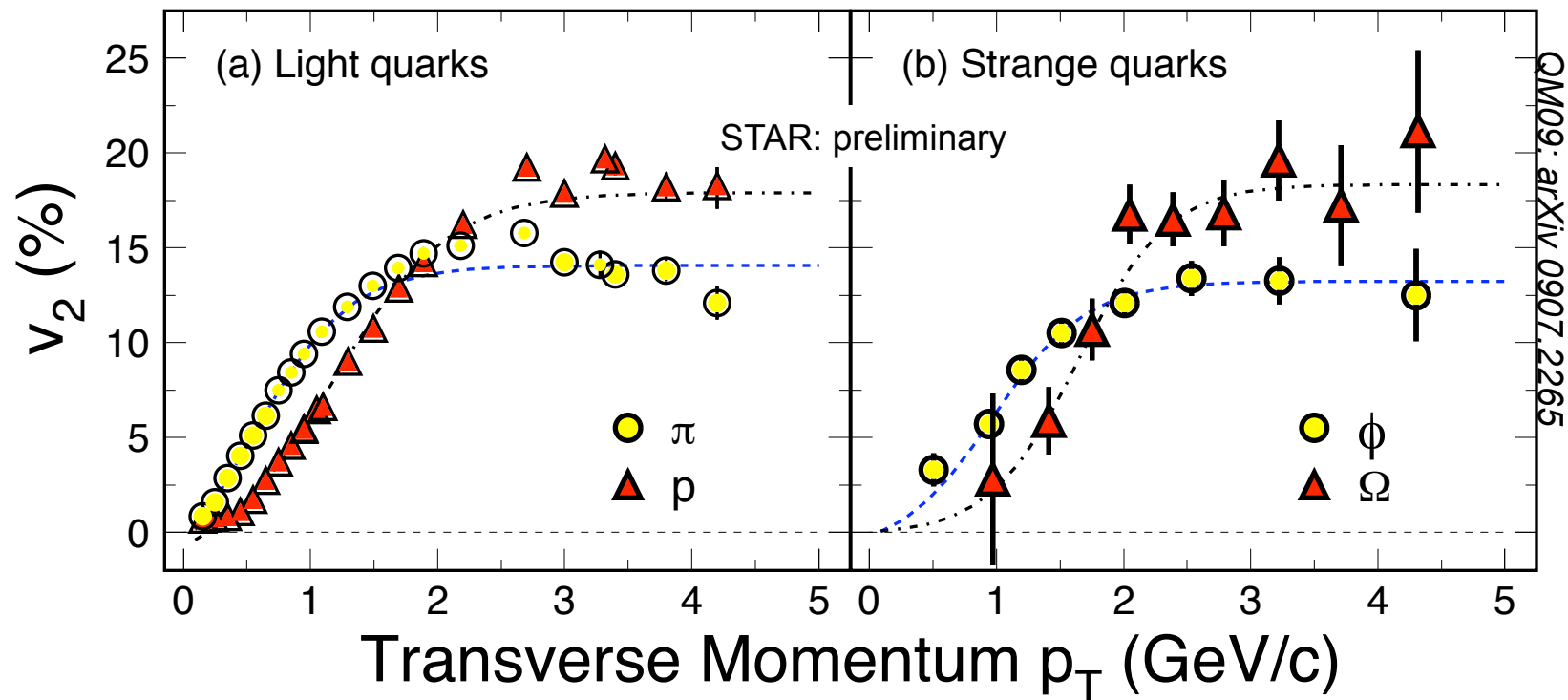
- $m_\phi \sim m_p \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$
- $ss \Rightarrow \phi$  not  $K^+K^- \Rightarrow \phi$
- $\sigma_{\phi h} \ll \sigma_{p\pi}, \pi\pi$

***In the hadronic case, no number of quark scaling and the value of  $v_2$  of  $\phi$  will be small.***

**\* Thermalization is assumed!**

# Partonic Collectivity at RHIC

$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200 \text{ GeV } ^{197}\text{Au} + ^{197}\text{Au} \text{ Collisions at RHIC}$



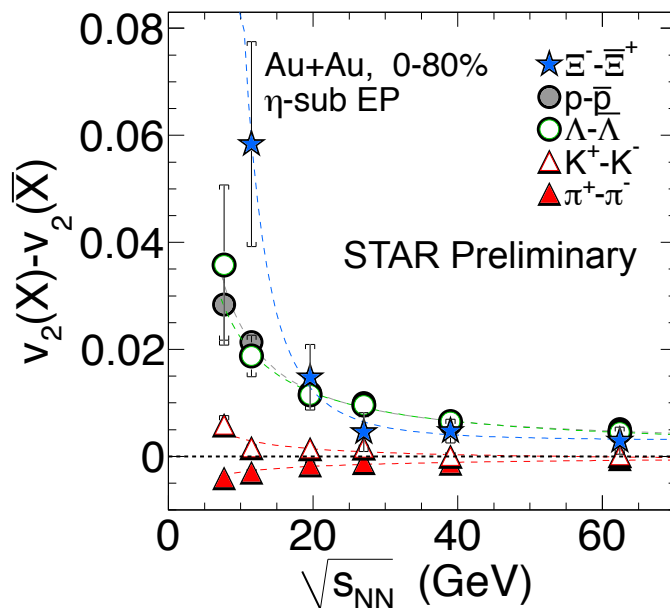
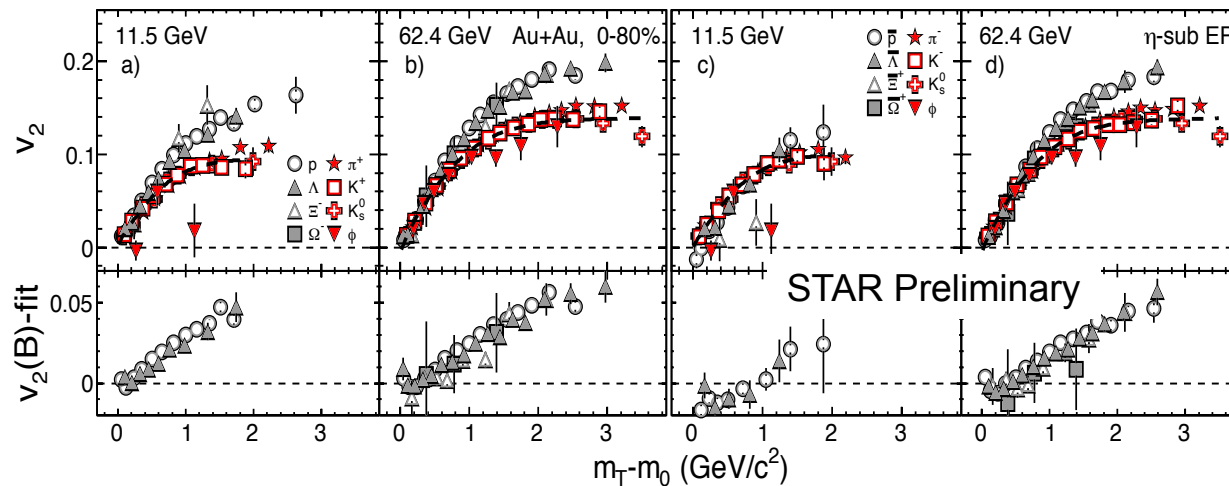
Low  $p_T$  ( $\leq 2 \text{ GeV/c}$ ): hydrodynamic mass ordering

High  $p_T$  ( $> 2 \text{ GeV/c}$ ): **number of quarks scaling**

**→ Partonic Collectivity, necessary for QGP!**

**→ De-confinement in Au+Au collisions at RHIC!**

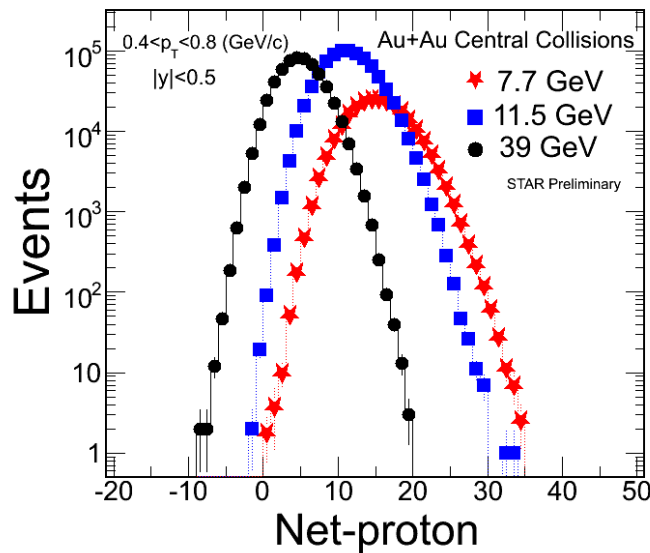
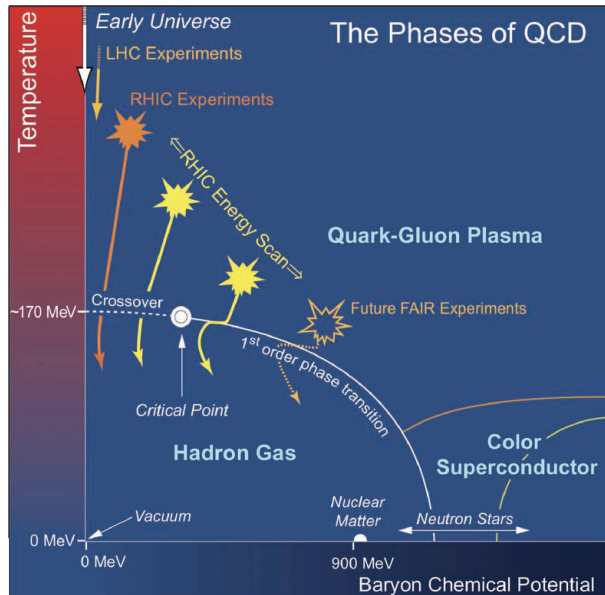
# Collectivity $v_2$ Measurements



- 1) Systematic measurements of collectivities
- 2) Number of quark scaling is broken. Hadronic interactions become dominant, especially for  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} < 11.5$  GeV

STAR: S.S. Shi, QM2012

# (5) Higher Moments



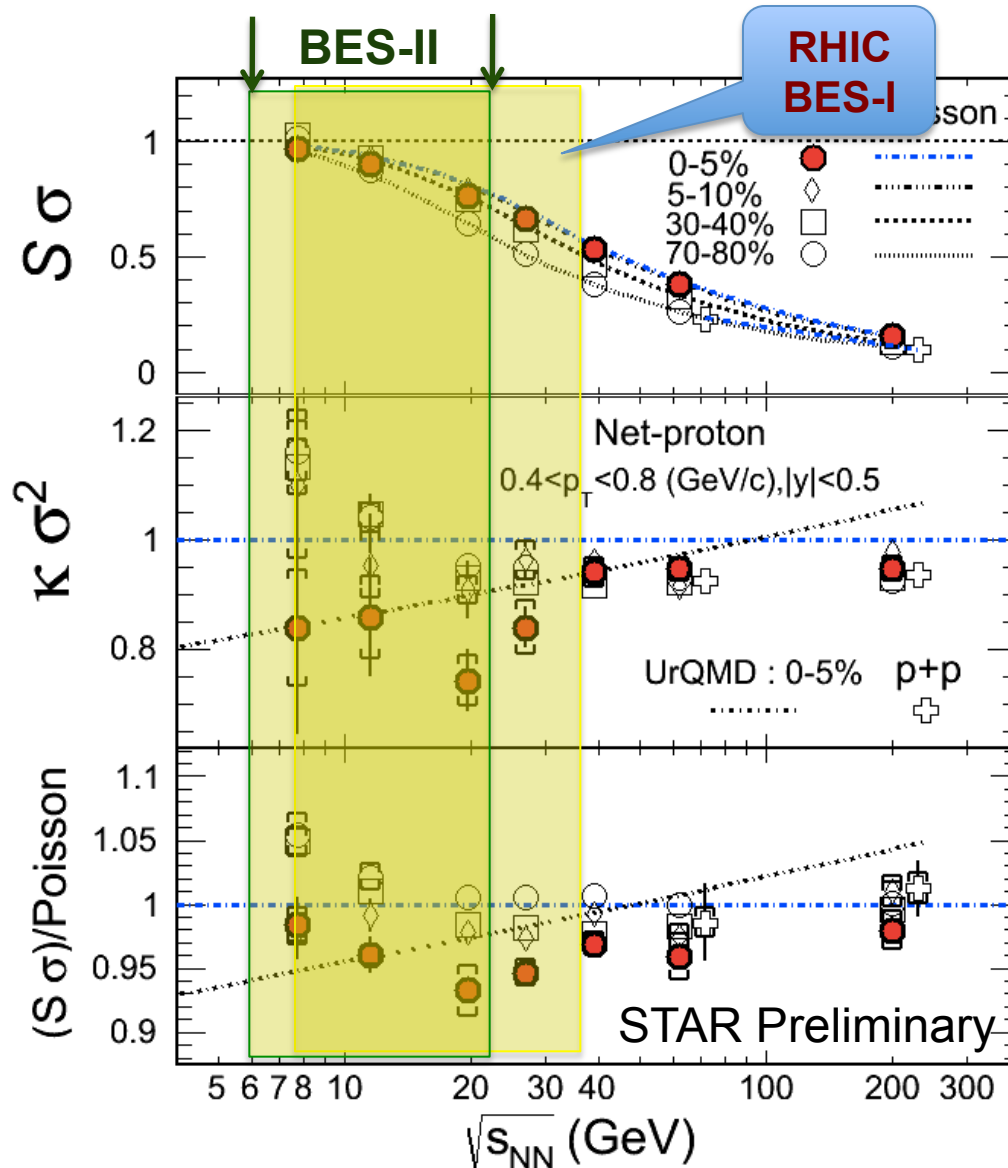
- 1) High moments for conserved quantum numbers: **Q, S, B**, in high-energy nuclear collisions
- 2) Sensitive to critical point ( $\xi$  correlation length):  

$$\langle (\delta N)^2 \rangle \approx \xi^2, \quad \langle (\delta N)^3 \rangle \approx \xi^{4.5}, \quad \langle (\delta N)^4 \rangle \approx \xi^7$$
- 3) Direct comparison with Lattice results:  

$$S^* \sigma \approx \frac{\chi_B^3}{\chi_B^2}, \quad K^* \sigma^2 \approx \frac{\chi_B^4}{\chi_B^2}$$
- 4) Extract susceptibilities and freeze-out temperature. An independent/important test on thermal equilibrium in heavy ion collisions.

- A. Bazavov et al. 1208.1220 (NLOTE)
- STAR Experiment: PRL105, 22303(2010)
- M. Stephanov: PRL102, 032301(2009)
- R.V. Gavai and S. Gupta, PLB696, 459(2011)
- S. Gupta, et al., Science, 332, 1525(2011)
- F. Karsch et al, PLB695, 136(2011)
- M.Cheng et al, PRD79, 074505(2009)
- Y. Hatta, et al, PRL91, 102003(2003)

# Net-proton Higher Moments



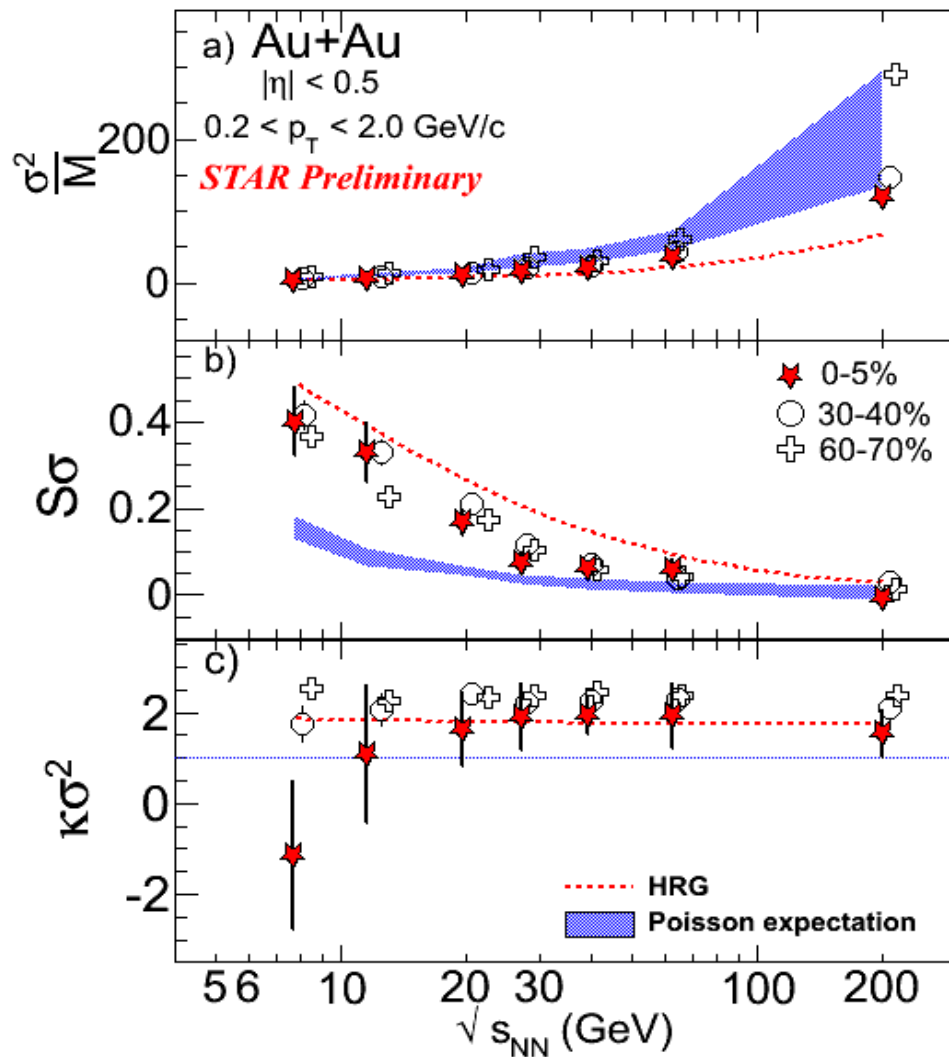
STAR net-proton results:

- 1) All data show deviations below Poisson beyond statistical and systematic errors in the 0-5% most central collisions for  $K\sigma^2$  and  $S\sigma$  at all energies. Larger deviation at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \sim 20\text{GeV}$ .
- 2) UrQMD model show monotonic behavior in the moment products.
- 3) Higher statistics needed for collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} < 20\text{ GeV}$ .

- STAR: X.F. Luo, QM2012



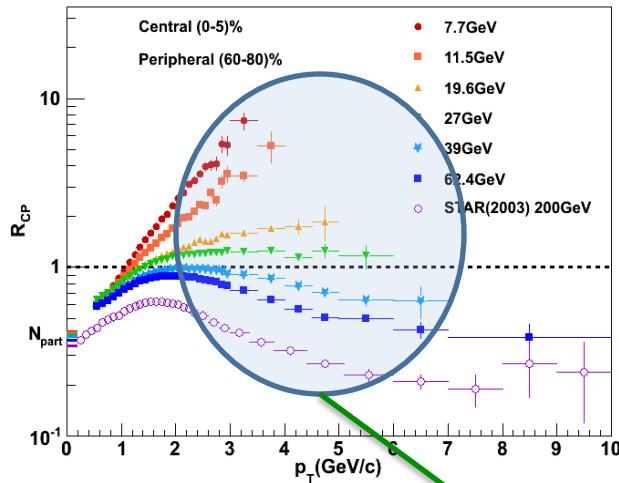
# Higher Moment: Net-charge



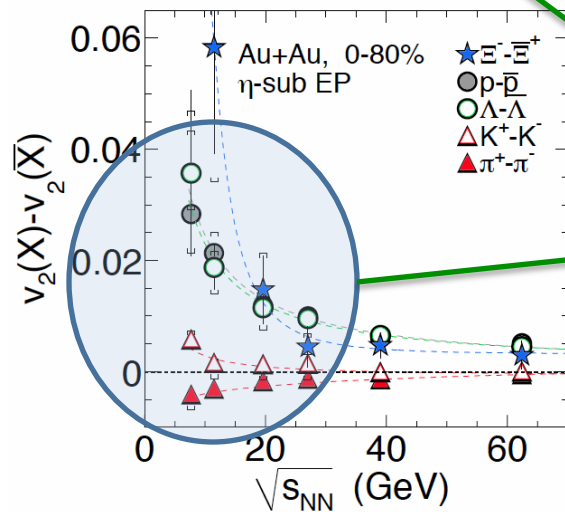
- 1) Preliminary net-charge results: efficiency, decay, ... effects under study.
- 2) Higher statistics data needed below 20 GeV.

- STAR: D. McDonald, QM2012  
 - K. Redlich et al, private communications

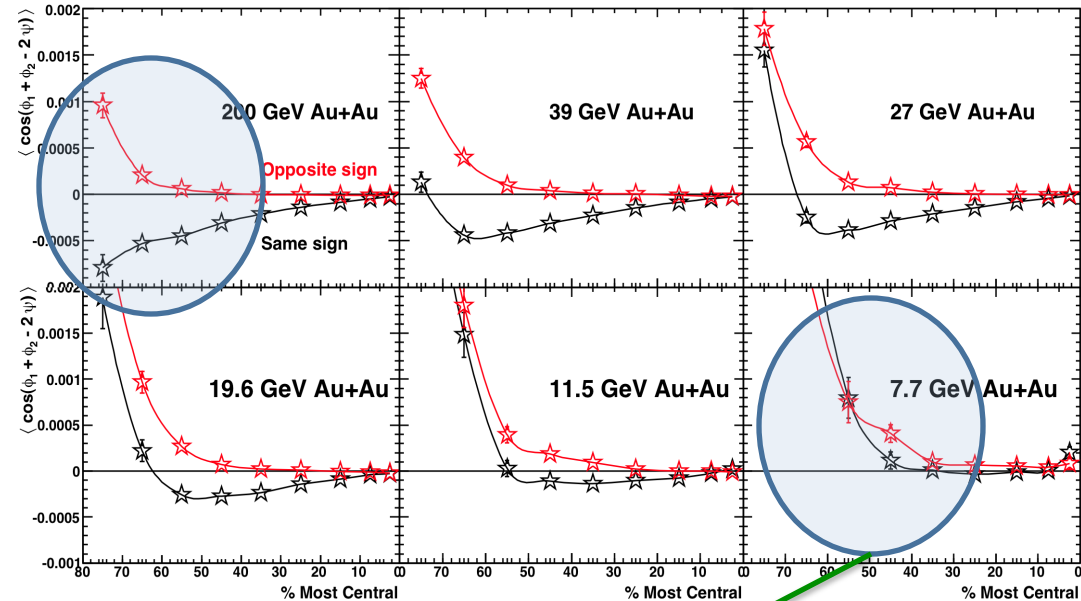
## (3) Jet-quenching



## (4) NCQ Scaling in $v_2$



## (5) "Local Parity Violation"



**sQGP key signatures**  
*turned off!*

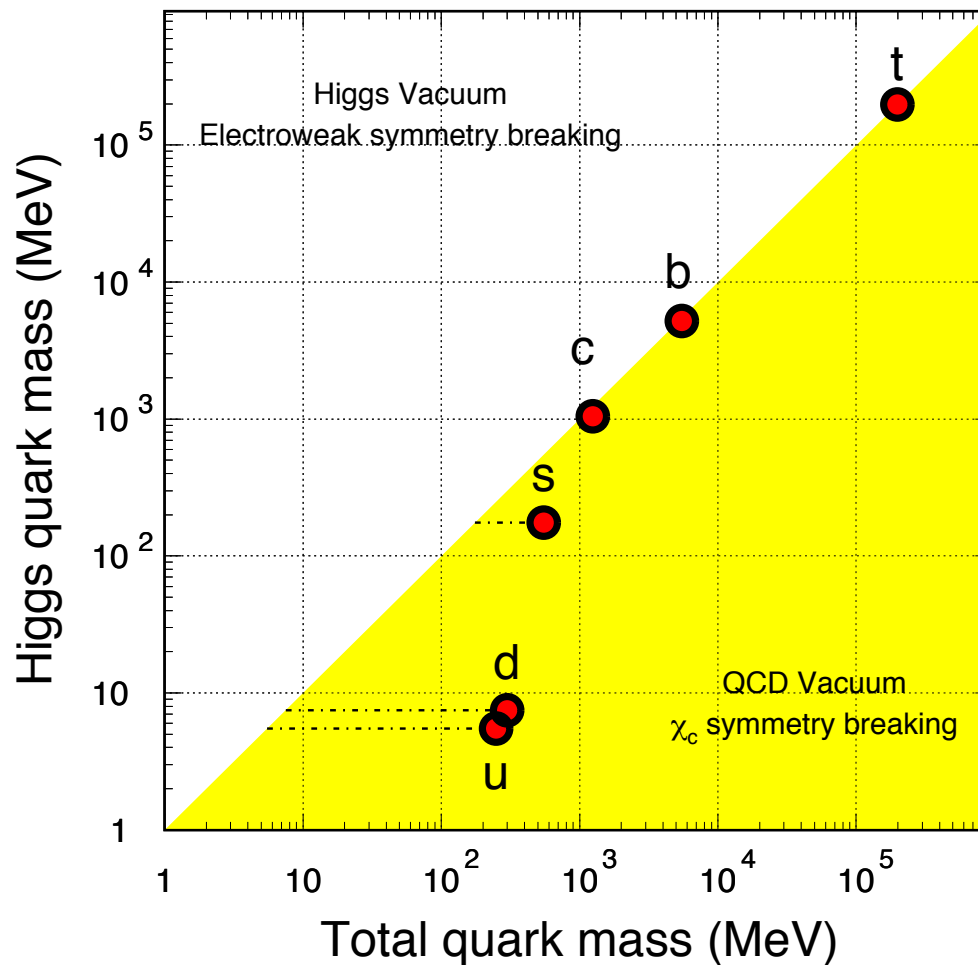
The results from BES-I not only identified the region where hadronic interactions are dominant. In turn, it demonstrates the existence of the partonic matter, the quark-gluon plasma (QGP), in the region at vanishing baryon chemical potential.



# Heavy Quark Productions In High-Energy Nuclear Collisions

- Open heavy quark hadron productions
- Quarkonia productions

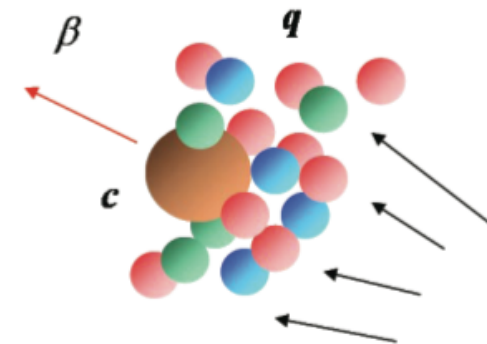
# Why Heavy Quark?



- Heavy quark masses are not altered in QCD medium
- Negligible thermal production in collisions due to their heaviness

➤ Too for studying properties of the hot/dense medium at the early stage of high-energy collisions

**Heavy quark collectivity  
=> Light flavor  
thermalization**



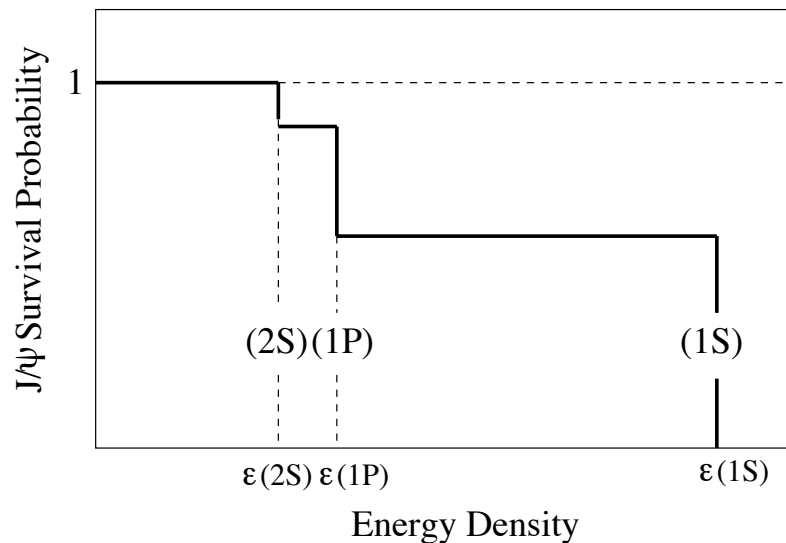
X. Zhu, *et al*, PLB**647**, 366(2007)

## SequentialSuppressions

Debye Screening:

$$J/\psi \rightarrow c + \bar{c} \quad r_{J/\psi} \geq \lambda_D \approx \frac{1}{g(T) \cdot T}$$

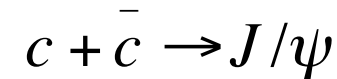
- 1) Total # of  $J/\psi$  reduces
- 2) Sensitive to initial scattering



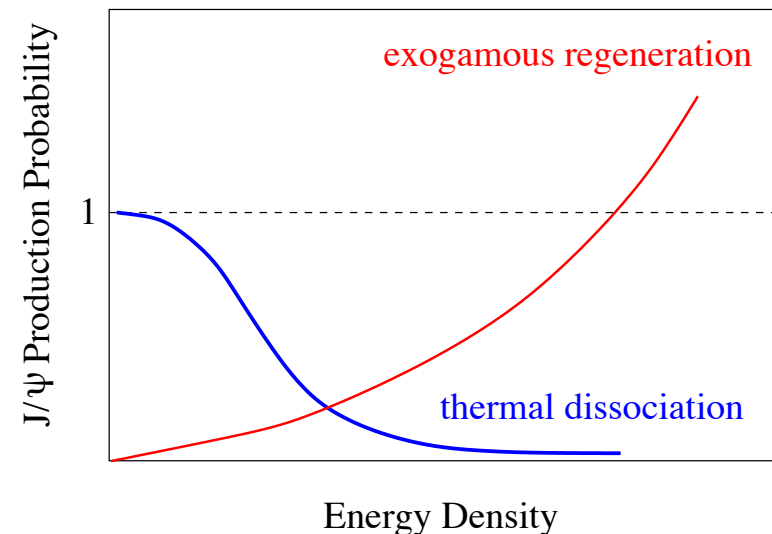
Matsui & Satz, PL**B178**, 178(1986).

## Regenerations

At the boundary of hadronization:



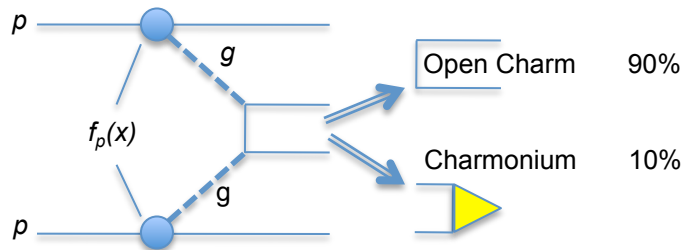
- 1) Total # of  $J/\psi$  increases
- 2) Sensitive to hot/dense medium





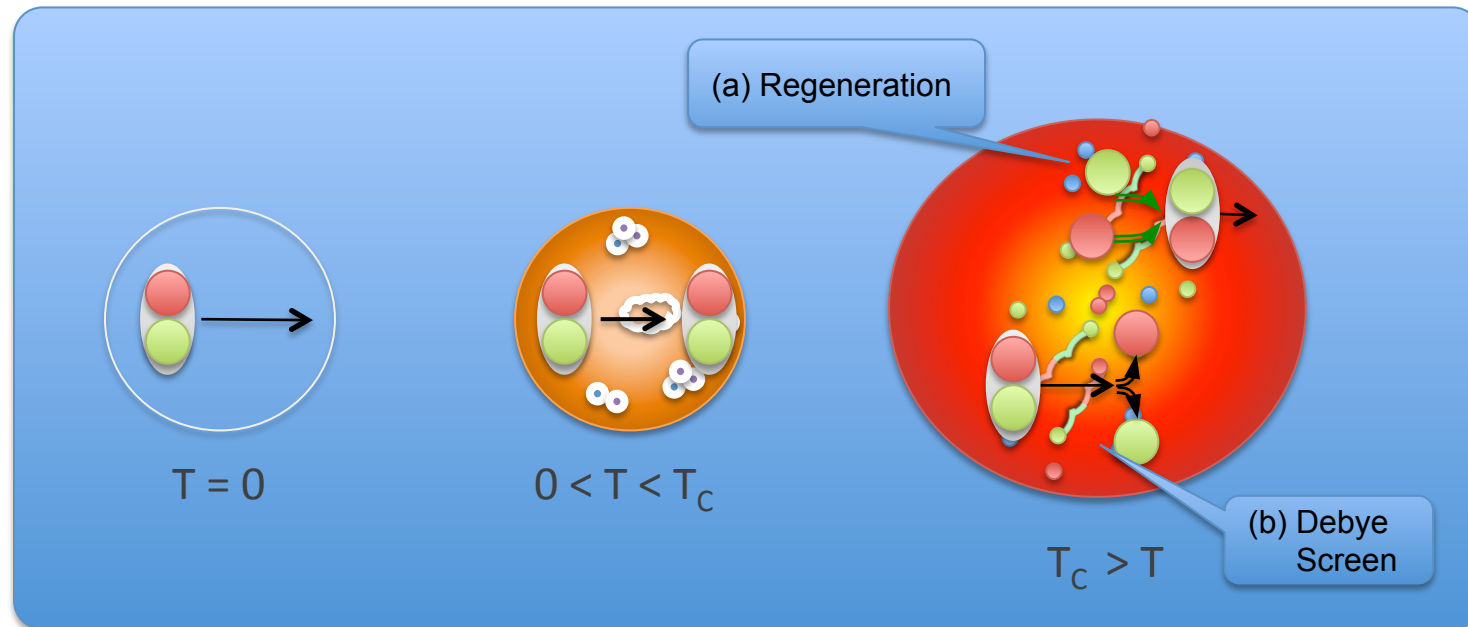
# Quarkonium Production

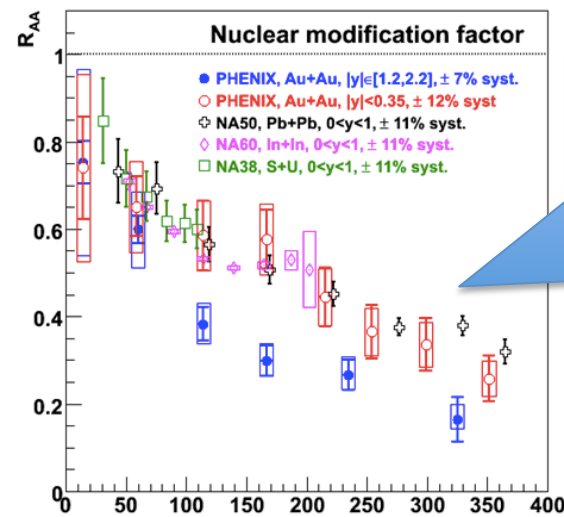
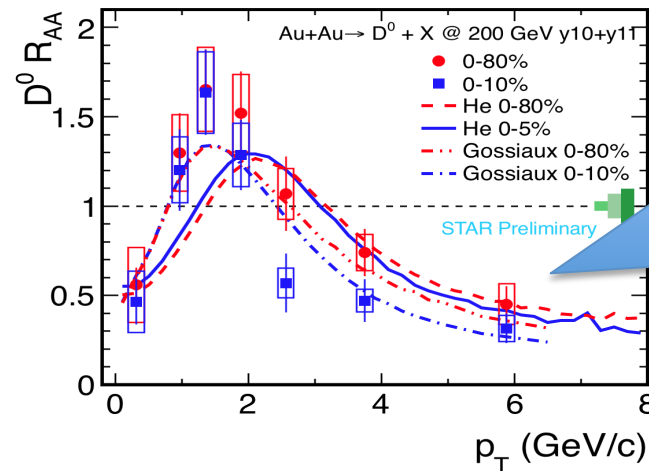
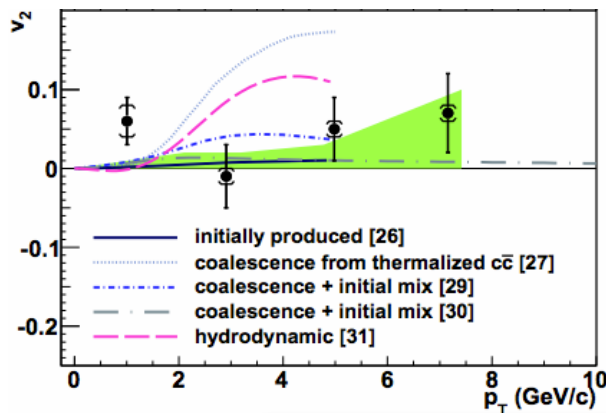
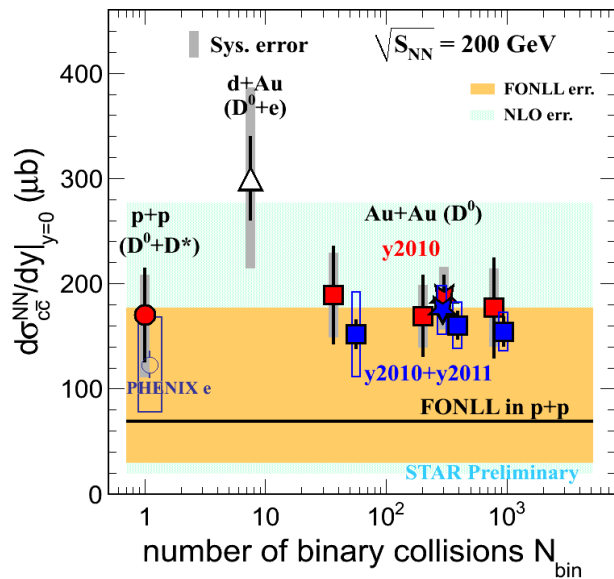
## $p + p$ Collisions



## Heavy Ion Collisions

- 1) *Npdf*: Initial condition
- 2) *Cronin effect*: CNM effect
- 3) *Debye Screen*: hot/dense medium
- 4) *Regeneration*: hot/dense medium





## Open Charm:

- (1) Initial production follows binary collisions
- (2) Suppressed at  $p_T > 3 \text{ GeV}/c$ .

## J/ψ: (closed Charm)

- (1) suppressed in more central collisions. Similar observations at LHC
- (2) Near zero  $v_2$ .

QM 2011, QM 2012

**TMD:  $J/\psi R_{AA}(p_T)$ !**

$$R_{AA} = \frac{\langle \mathbf{N} \rangle^{AA}}{n_{bin}^{AA} \langle \mathbf{N} \rangle^{pp}}$$

- 1) Traditional  $R_{AA}$  depends on the TMD  $p_T$  integrated yields. Sensitive to  $Npdf^*$  and model dependent parameter  $n_{bin}$ .

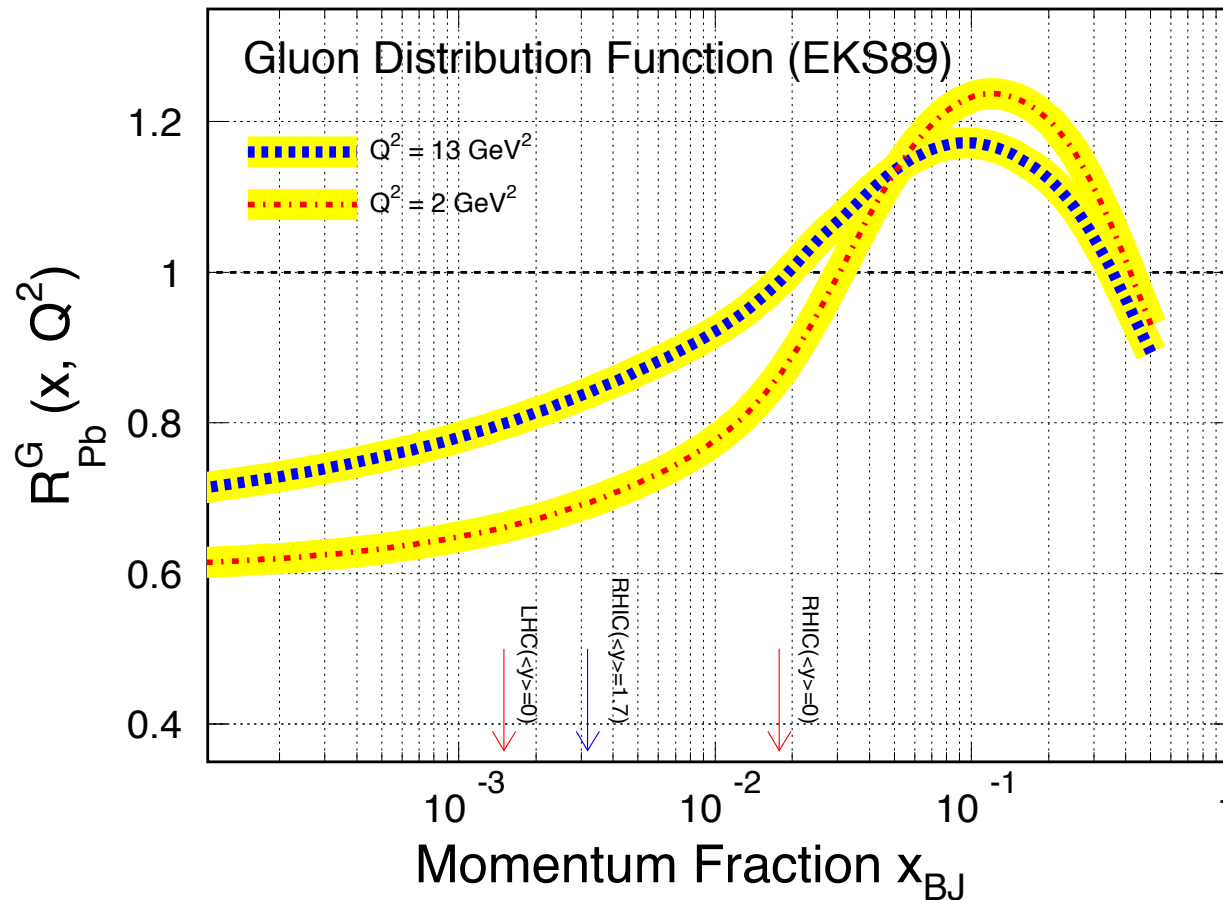
$$r_{AA}(p_T^2) = \frac{\langle \mathbf{p}_T^2 \rangle^{AA}}{\langle \mathbf{p}_T^2 \rangle^{pp}}$$

- 2) The TMD dependent  $r_{AA}(p_T)$  sensitive to medium effect including Cronin scattering, Debye Screening, and regeneration<sup>\*\*</sup>.

\* H. Satz arXiv: 1303.3493

\*\* Pengfei Zhuang et al, 2010

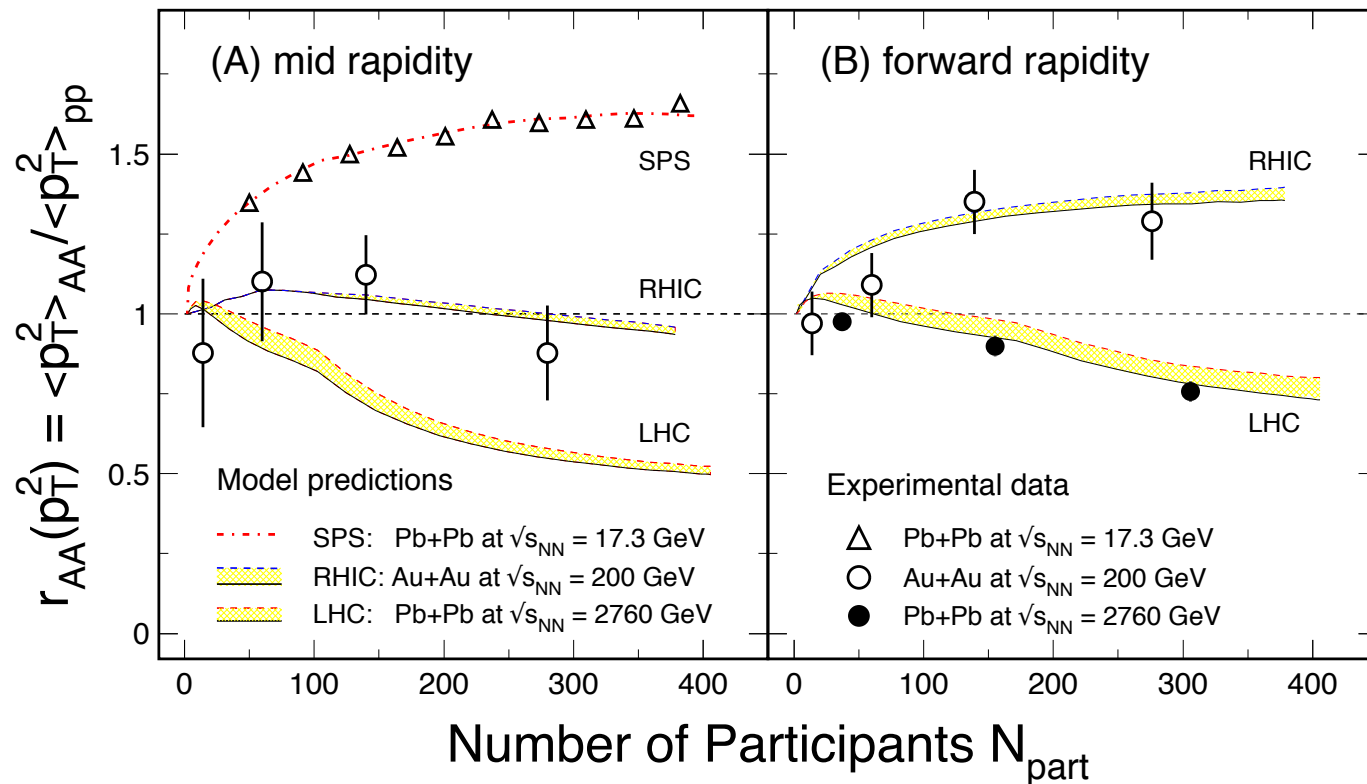
# Parton Distribution Function



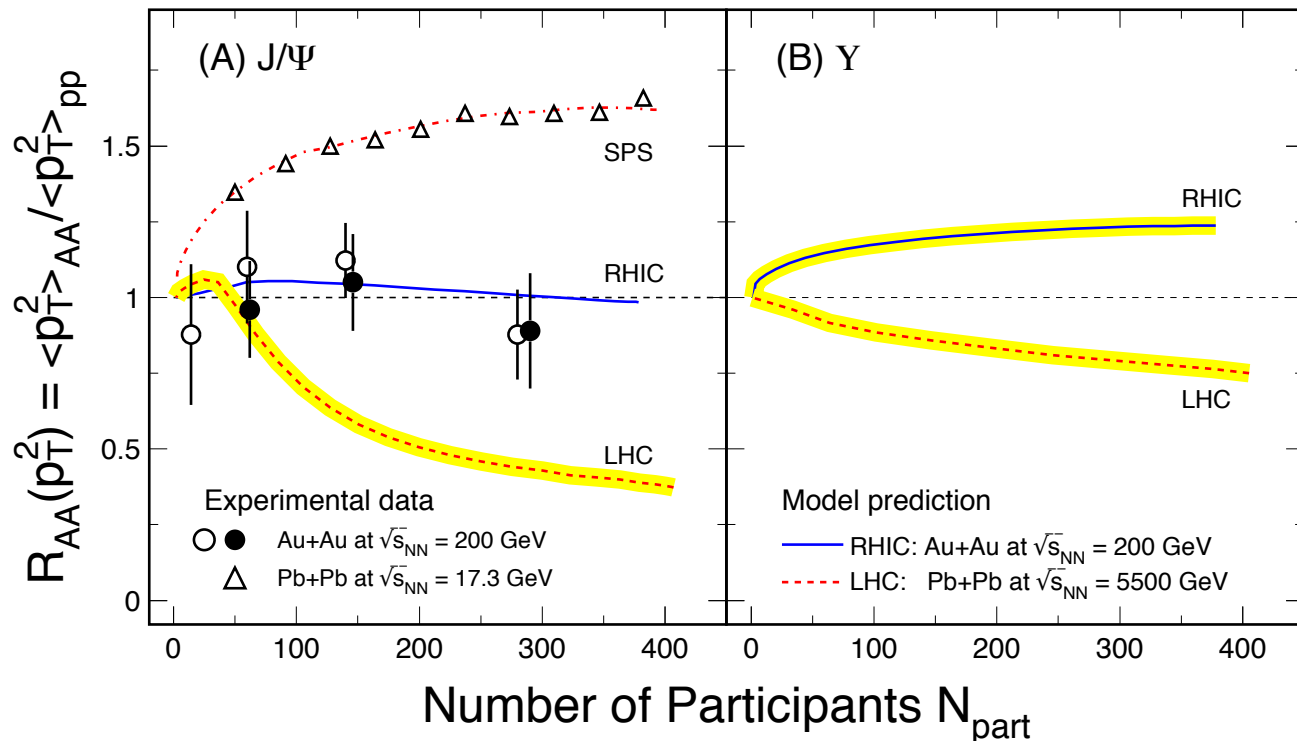
- 1) Nucleon parton distribution function. Due to the non-linear dynamic at small- $x$ , the nuclear parton distribution is different.
- 2) Different experiments at different  $x$  leads to different parton flux.



# T.M.D.: Charmonium Production



- 1) **LHC:** more final  $J/\psi$ s produced via regeneration leads to lower value of  $\langle p_T \rangle$
- 2) **SPS:** all final  $J/\psi$ s are survival ones. The increase of  $\langle p_T \rangle$  is due to the initial Cronin scatterings
- 3) **RHIC:** mixture of initial and regenerated  $J/\psi$ s



(A)  $J/\psi$  productions at SPS, RHIC and LHC

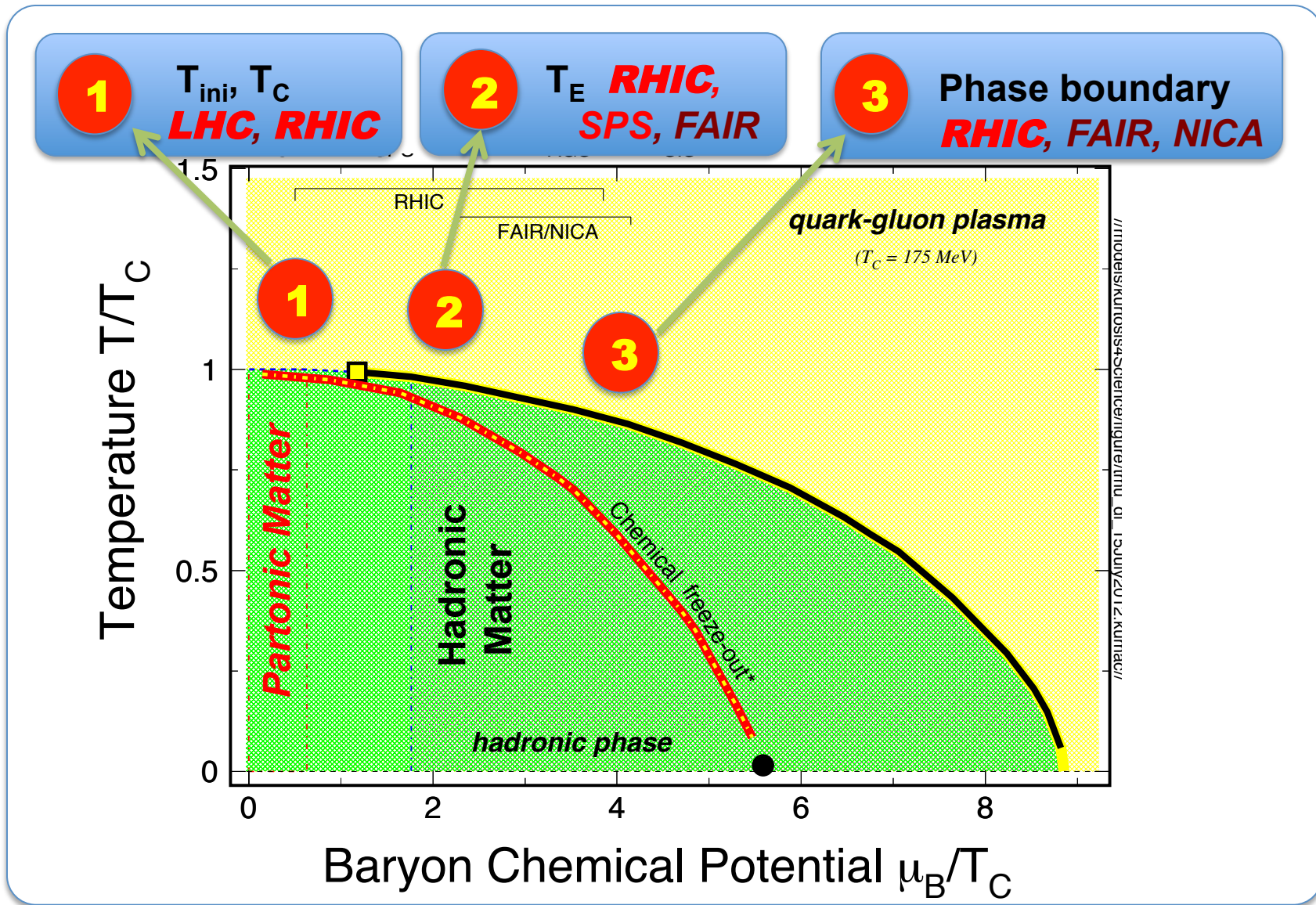
(B) Prediction of *Upsilon* production: Due to small bottom cross section at RHIC, negligible regenerations, Cronin effect is dominant. At LHC, sizable contributions from regenerations. A prediction!

- (1) The effects of **Debye Screening** and **Regeneration** are opposite for quarkonia production. They are all medium effects.
- (2)  $J/\psi$  productions, shown by  $r_{AA}(p_T)$ , clearly demonstrated the influence of regeneration implying the formation of the hot/dense medium, the QGP, at RHIC and LHC.

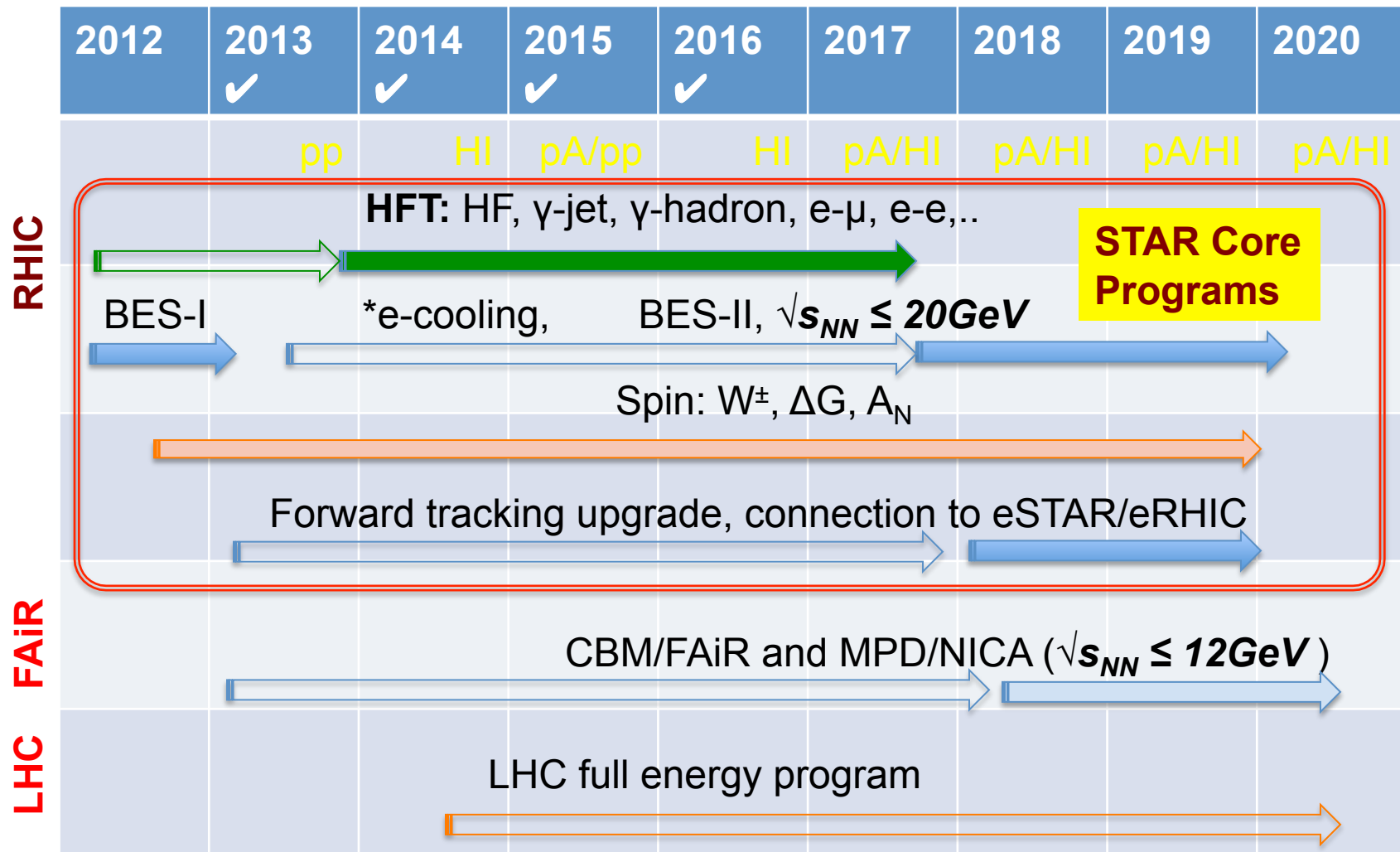




# Exploring QCD Phase Structure



# Facilities for QCD Matter Study



**More involvements in future upgrade programs!**

## 1) BES Program:

- Partonic QGP dominant:  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} > 39 \text{ GeV}$   
Hadronic interactions become dominant:  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \leq 11.5 \text{ GeV}$
- High statistics data for energy region  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \leq 20 \text{ GeV}$ ,  
needs e-cooling at RHIC

## 2) Heavy Flavor and Di-lepton Programs:

STAR HFT+MTD upgrades ready by summer of 2013

RHIC: **Unique opportunities for exploring  
QCD phase structure**